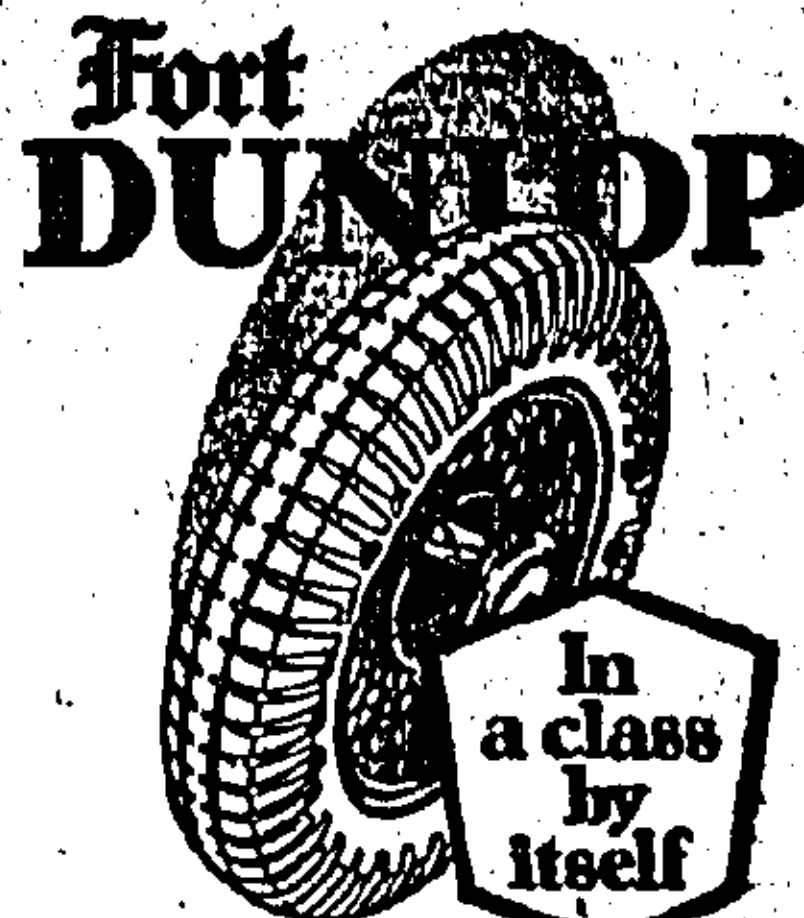




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THE THORBURN AFFAIR & CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION

DEBATE ON INDIA

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BRITISH COMPANY.**

Thorburn's Case.
London, Yesterday.

Three questions were asked today in the House concerning the Thorburn affair. Replying to Sir Charles Cazalet, Capt. Eden said, the request of Thorburn's father that a claim should be presented to China was being urgently considered.

Sir Charles Cazalet, in a supplementary question, asked if such incidents happened while Britain had extraterritorial rights, what would happen if these rights were surrendered.

Capt. Eden stressed the fact that the Chinese Colonel responsible for the affair had already been dealt with. He assured questioners that the Foreign Secretary was fully examining the matter.—*Reuter.*

Indian Round Table Conference.
Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister in Parliament said he hoped that, before the House of Commons rose for the recess, there would be opportunity for a debate on the work of the Indian Round Table Conference.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister met his Ministerial colleagues, who are delegates to the Conference, and afterward had a series of interviews with the leaders of the various sections of Indian delegates. Lord Sankey and the Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, were also present.

During the day, the Aga Khan, head of the Moslem Delegation, Ujjal Singh, the principal Sikh delegate; Sir Tej Sapru, Moderate Hindu leader; Dr. Ambedkar, leader of the Depressed Classes, and Sir Annipu Patro, Hindu Liberal leader, were received.

To-night, the Prime Minister is to be the guest of Sir Akbar Hydari at dinner, and to-morrow he will meet Mr. Gandhi.—*British Wireless Service.*

Lina Goldfields Ltd.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Asked in the House of Commons what action Government proposed to take to secure payments from the Soviet Government to the Lina Goldfields, Limited, of the arbitral award of approximately £13,000,000 made in favour of that company in September, 1930, Captain Eden said that, as the result of discussions in London with representatives of the company, the Foreign Secretary had now instructed the British Ambassador in Moscow to make a fresh representation to the Soviet Government.—*British Wireless Service.*

Public Enquiry — Colliery Disaster.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A tribute to heroic rescue work in the colliery explosion near Doncaster was paid in a statement made in the House of Commons by the Mines Minister, Mr. Isaac Foot, who said a full public enquiry into the causes of the disaster would be held as soon as circumstances allowed.—*British Wireless Service.*

Manchuria.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the absence of Sir John Simon, who returned to Paris on Saturday night to take part in the further discussions of the Council of the League of Nations, the Under Secretary for Foreign

Affairs, Capt. Eden, answered in the House of Commons a question on the Manchurian situation. He said his information was that since the occupation of Tsi-Tsi-Har by Japanese forces on November 19 no further fighting had taken place between Japanese and Chinese troops. The League Council had sat in Paris for more than a week and were using their best endeavours to find a basis for a solution of the problem.—*British Wireless Service.*

French Import Duties.
Rugby, Yesterday.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, the Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, Major Colville, stated that representations were being made by the British Government to the French Government in the matter of the recent discriminatory increases in French import duties.—*British Wireless Service.*

Full History of Case Supplied Britain in Lee's Report.

Nanking, Nov. 3.
A summary of the report submitted by the Vice-Minister for War, General Chen Yi, on the Thorburn case states:—

On the night of June 1 three gendarmes patrolling the line met and challenged a suspicious character hurrying along the railway track. As the foreigner disregarded their challenge, they approached to investigate, whereupon the foreigner shot down two of the gendarmes. At this moment the express passed and the foreigner escaped. He dropped a bag containing a pistol and cartridges, a knife, a small bottle of chloroform and gauze face cover, and other articles. He was arrested next day and taken to Soochow where he was examined by the Regimental Commander Colonel Huang. He refused to say who he was except that he came from Shanghai, had no passport, admitted the bag was his, and refused to give any reasons for shooting the gendarmes. Colonel Huang in view of suspicious circumstances believed prisoner to be a foreign communist and intended sending him to the law courts. He desired, however, to await the recovery and evidence of the wounded gendarmes first.

Wounded Die.

On June 7 Colonel Huang learned that one of the wounded men had died and that the other could not recover. He accordingly interrogated Thorburn again on June 8. In the course of this further interrogation Col. Huang lost his temper and provoked by the behaviour of the prisoner, drew his pistol and shot. Thorburn dead. Colonel Huang then realising what he had done, destroyed all evidence, including the corpse, and ordered his men not to divulge anything. In this way the first investigation failed. Subsequently the true facts were elicited from subordinate officers. Colonel Huang was arrested, brought to trial by court martial and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment.—*Reuter's Pacific Service.*

NEW INDIAN GOVERNORSHIPS.

Sir Stanley Jackson's
Successor.

THREE APPOINTMENTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
H.M. the King Emperor has been pleased to approve the following appointments:—
Sir John Anderson, present Permanent Under Secretary at the Home Office, to be Governor of Bengal in succession to Sir Stanley Jackson whose tenure of office expires in March next.

Rt. Hon. Sir John Anderson, C.B., K.C.B., G.C.B., has been Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, since 1922. He has not yet attained 50 years of age.

Sir James Sifton, Indian Civil Service, to be Governor of Bihar and Orissa in succession to Sir Hugh Stephenson in April next.

Sir James Sifton, C.S.I., C.I.E., who is now in his fifties, joined the Indian Civil Service in 1902, and has served for many years in various of the districts of the province he is now to govern.

Mr. Michael Keane to be Governor of Assam in succession to Sir Egbert Hammond in June next.—*British Wireless Service.*

Mr. Michael Keane, C.S.I., C.I.E., joined the Indian Civil Service in 1898. He is 67 years old, and has held administrative positions in the United Provinces.

STAGE TRAGEDY.

Hero Plunges Sword
into Villain.

Prague, November 12.
Amateur theatricals in celebration of Armistice Day at the town of Hafnerluden, a suburb of Prague, were marred by the poignant death of two amateur performers. It was reported here to-day. According to the newspapers, the Hafnerluden Dramatic Society was presenting last night an historic drama, for which the performers had been supplied with real historic swords instead of the stage articles.

Thus when in the last scene the villain is due to be killed by the hero, the latter in his excitement tore his sword from the scabbard and plunged it into the breast of his adversary who collapsed on the spot, with the audience sitting spellbound at such realistic acting. The hero, meanwhile, had realised his mistake, and crying out loud dropped beside his victim, dying there of heart stroke.

When the audience grasped the fact that the drama on the stage had turned into a real drama, a panic ensued and the police had to be called in to restore order.—*Transocean Kuomin.*

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS.

Nanking, November 11.
Pursuant to a recent decision of the National Government to raise funds for flood relief, a flood relief surtax equivalent to an increase of 10 per cent. on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class passenger fares will be imposed on all Government railways as from November 15, according to an order of the Ministry of Railways. Freight rates will, however, not be affected by the increase.—*Kuo Min.*

NEWS TABLOIDS.

The British Government is seriously considering the submission to China of a claim for compensation in connection with the Thorburn affair.

Dr. Sze says it is quite impossible for him to consider the appointment of a Manchuria Commission of Inquiry, unless provision is also made for the cessation of hostilities and immediate withdrawal of Japanese forces.

The King and Queen have returned to London. Their Majesties will probably spend Christmas at Sandringham.

A debate on the work of the Indian Round Table Conference may be held before the House of Commons rises for the Christmas recess.

As soon as circumstances permit a full public enquiry is to be held into the Doncaster colliery disaster.

The British Government is making representations to the French Government in the matter of the recent discriminatory increase in French import duties.

In connection with the piracy of the s.s. Hanyang, a report from H.M.S. Sterling states, that 30 men have been arrested in the vicinity of Namoa Island. They are suspected of being implicated in the piracy. A quantity of the cargo looted from the vessel has also been recovered.

In connection with the £13,000,000 due by the Soviet Government to the Lina Goldfields, Ltd., the British Ambassador in Moscow has been instructed to make a fresh representation to the Soviet Government for payment.

The following Indian appointments are announced:—

Governor of Bengal—Sir John Anderson in succession to Sir Stanley Jackson (March, 1932).
Governor of Bihar and Orissa—Sir James Sifton in succession to Sir Hugh Stephenson (April, 1932).
Governor of Assam—Mr. Michael Keane in succession to Sir Egbert Hammond (June, 1932).

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The typhoon is about 200 miles North of the Bonins, moving E.N.E.

The new anticyclone is central over S.E. Mongolia, moving E.N.E.

Forecast: — N. E. winds, moderate to fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day nil.

Total since January 1, 75.88 inches against an average of 81.72 inches — deficit 5.90 inches.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	68
Macao	67
Pratas Island	72
Foochow	66
Amoy	66
Chefoo	46
Shanghai	54
Manila	70
Swatow	68

HANYANG PIRACY—THIRTY MEN HELD

BELIEVED TO BE PIRATES

SOME CARGO RETRIEVED

After consultation with His Britannic Majesty's Consul and the Chinese General at Swatow, the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Sterling embarked a party of Chinese troops on November 22 and proceeded with them to examine the Coast in the vicinity of Namoa Island.

A report from H.M.S. Sterling, received by the Naval authorities here yesterday evening, states that the Chinese troops landed and recovered some cases of the cargo taken from the s.s. Hanyang, and also have captured 30 men suspected of being implicated in the piracy of the Hanyang.

During the course of investigations several houses in Namoa village were burned down.

YIELDED TO SUDDEN TEMPTATION.

(Howlong Magistracy.)
Sze To Kan, a houseboy employed at Savarin House, boarding establishment, Hankow Road, was charged this morning before Mr. J. A. Fraser, with the theft and receiving of a diamond ring, property of Miss Levasseur, on about November 19; also with the larceny and receiving of a pair of cuff links a purse and \$30 in money, property of Mr. Grenfell, on November 22. Both complainants are residents at Savarin House.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston prosecuted.
Defendant, in pleading "guilty," said he yielded to sudden temptation.

Two months' hard labour was imposed.

ECONOMY MEASURES.

All motorists are interested in economy measures to-day. It is not generally realised that fast runs cause more wear of brakes, more strain on the chassis, more wear of the tyres—in fact more wear of every part; in addition constant acceleration and deceleration require more petrol than keeping up an even speed. The idea of cutting down speed may be repellent to many of the more sporting of car owners, but they should appreciate that, when it comes to a long run, the man who keeps up a steady 35 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. without wasting time on unnecessary stops often gets to his destination just as soon as the erratic driver who, for no apparent reason, covers several miles flat out and then potters along at a comparative crawl for the next few miles, wasting a certain amount of time in addition to the form of unnecessary stops.

Another way in which many drivers make their motoring more expensive is in their treatment of a cold engine. A considerable time elapses after starting up a cold engine, even in Britain, before the lubrication system becomes fully effective, the pistons and cylinder walls being starved until the engine begins to warm up. It should be obvious from this that anything but the most gentle treatment during the first two or three miles is bound to cause rapid piston and cylinder wear. The golden rule is to treat a cold engine as though it were new and required running in. All these things seem unimportant in themselves, and so in fact they are, but it is attention to small details that makes all the difference in the course of a year, and the people who are not above attending to them are the people who not only get the best value for money out of their cars but get the most satisfaction as well.

FACING THE MUSIC.

Bandmaster Gets His Revenge On The Police.

Mr. Anthony R. Teta is a printer, and a band master in New Haven. The police raided his printing plant and found 4,000,000 lottery tickets. Mr. Teta was fined \$240.

Soon after his conviction he was asked to lead his 102nd Infantry band for the police drill team, which was to exhibit its marching prowess before the chief and other police commissioners.

Mr. Teta accepted gladly. Police, he found, were accustomed to drill at 90 beats a minute. Everything was ready. Mr. Teta raised his baton and the drill captain gave the order.

Mr. Teta and his band swung into a spirited march at 140 beats a minute. The policemen galloped out and whirled dizzily through their manoeuvres. On raved the music. The drill ended. The policemen wilted. Mr. Teta smiled happily.

WHEN AFRICA IS NOT SUNNY!

Marvellous though the climate of South Africa normally is, it occasionally has its "off" periods, and it was during one of these that Mr. John Good, who represents Routes, Ltd., in that country, started out recently on a journey between Cape Town and Durban in a Hillman Vortice Saloon. From his report he seems to have had a strenuous trip—"Leaving East London on Saturday, 3 p.m., he writes, "we reached Butterworth at 7.45 p.m., raining like the devil all the way, and hampered with a thick mist on the mountains. Roads were lumpy, and badly cut up with deep furrows and pot holes. Over 7 inches of rain fell at Butterworth on the Sunday we left, but after no end of ploughing and negotiating strong and deep currents, we reached Umtata and thought the worst was over. The next morning we left for Kokstad, but could get no nearer than 40 miles of it, conditions worse than before. We got badly bogged about a mile or so from the Rhode Hotel, and I had to walk there for assistance: got some natives with spades, and managed to get through. The only other car that made the attempt was hopelessly stuck a mile away. The final 40 miles to Kokstad took more than 4 hours: we had, however, a good run that afternoon, and got to Kokstad. We had chafing on continuously for four days, and did not take them off till we reached Maritzburg. We passed several lorries and cars stranded and abandoned. The Vortice was really marvellous, and stood up to the terrible gruelling it got."

At any rate, it is good to know that there are British cars capable of tackling the worst of Overseas conditions successfully, and that in this particular case it should be an 8-cylinder of moderate price is especially gratifying.

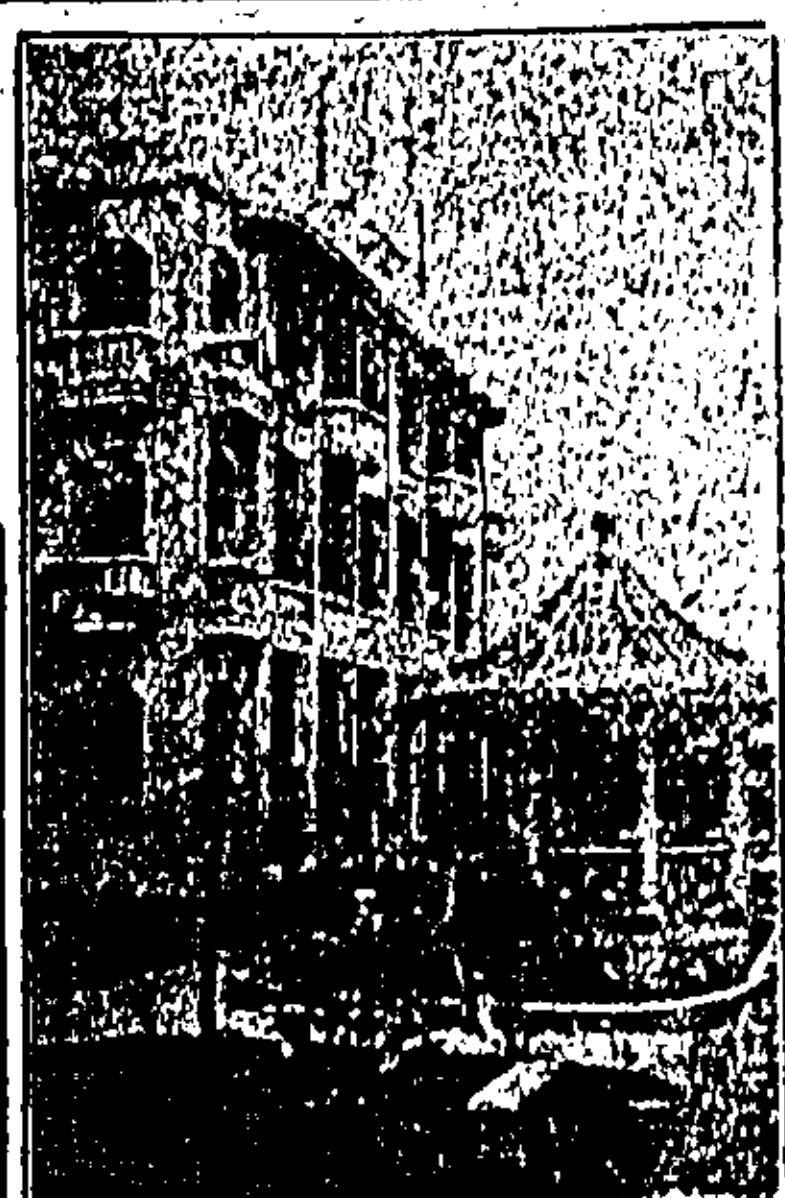
WINDING-UP ORDER.

H.K. Excavation, Pile Driving & Construction

In the Supreme Court, this morning, the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) made an order for the winding-up of the Hong Kong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Company, Limited.

The application was made on behalf of three petitioners, Messrs. Tauratani & Co., Ltd., of Prince's Building, Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., and Mr. E. D. Shank. Messrs. Tauratani & Co., and Messrs. Bailey & Co., were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (Instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), while Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., (Instructed by Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co.) was for Mr. E. D. Shank. The debtor company were represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C. (Instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist).

Mr. Jenkin consented to the order being made, and His Lordship accordingly made the order, without prejudice to the powers of the Provisional Liquidator.



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Reviews from Official Sources.

"AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY."

Welford Benton saw "An American Tragedy" the other day. Here's what he wrote, in part, in the film spectator:
"An American Tragedy" is a terrific picture. It is a story about anyone, dealing only with things that have happened millions of times before and will happen millions of times again, things that are not old and never will be new. It deals with a boy governed by ordinary human impulses, who drifts into indulging them and is engulfed by them. It is a straight reportorial film, pleading for no sympathy, preaching no sermon, but presenting an extraordinary succession of events of which the sum total spells tragedy of a wholly impersonal sort.
"I have maintained persistently that the screen is talking itself to death, but not with such talking as this. Irving Pichel, district attorney, Charles B. Middleton and Emmett Corrigan, defence attorneys, do not read lines, do not express dialogue writers. They read their mentalities and express themselves. Pichel's address to the jury is a forensic masterpiece, in delivery and context worthy of a permanent place in a record of great orations. Here we have a trial that grips us, that keeps us stirred up, that never for a moment permits our attention to wander."

"GREEK STREET."

London's night life, with its round of attractions, is featured in "Greek Street," a Gaumont-British talkie with romance between a cabaret singer and the proprietor of a little Soho cafe, now playing at the Central Theatre.
The story tells the adventures of the girl, her struggles to become famous, and her ultimate realisation that success does not necessarily bring happiness. She eventually returns to the little Soho cafe to love and happiness.
Sari Maritz, a charming Anglo-Viennese girl, has the leading feminine role. Her acting and singing in the role of "Anna" is a bright feature of this entertaining romance. William Freshman, a handsome young juvenile plays the role of "Riki," a Soho cafe proprietor, in love with the girl.

"JUST A GIGOLO."

"Keep your feet on the ground" is the advice given to young men in most professions, but the latest command for art given to William Haines was "Get up in the air and stay up!"
Haines was required to spend the greater part of a week in the cabin of a big air liner during the filming of "Just a Gigolo," his latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer vehicle, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day.
"Just a Gigolo" is considered Haines' funniest feature, with an ultra-sophisticated Parisian and Continental background for the philanderings of a "gigolo" comic.
"HOLIDAY."
When the Pathe production, "Holiday," is shown in Budapest, Austria, the friends of James Boro, former first lieutenant in the Austrian Army, will note a resemblance between a minor member of the cast and their exiled compatriot. They will be wrong. The gentleman they will be looking at is Boro himself.

A natural comedian, there was always some unconscious gesture on Jimmie Boro's part which brought a laugh from the staff and cast of the picture when they gathered in the projection room each night to look at the rushes. Finally Director Edward H. Griffith decided that anyone who could make a group of picturewise people laugh consistently ought to be equally amusing to audiences. When a bit came up in "Holiday" which seemed appropriate to him, he insisted that Jimmie should fill it. The result was quite equal to his expectations.

"DU BARRY, WOMAN OF PASSION."

Victims of the Russian revolution earned money by pretending to be revolutionists in Norma Talmadge's new United Artists starring picture, "Du Barry, Woman of Passion," which is coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly.
They were employed as extras in scenes showing a Paris mob storming the palace of King Louis XV. Among them were a Cossack captain, a Tsarist General, and a Russian prince.
The cast includes Conrad Nagel, William Farnum, Hobart Bosworth, Edgar Norton, Ulrich Haupt, and Allison Skipworth.

"MIRACLE MAN."

Story of a Vision That Came True.

A coolie named Liu saw a friend carrying two snakes in a basket, which he said he was going to destroy. Liu begged the man to set the snakes free, and finally bought them with his small savings. He took them to a cave in the hills, where he set them free.

The next night (so runs the story) Liu saw a vision. Two superhuman beings appeared and said they had come to reward him for his good deed to them. One gave him a mysterious stick and the other an old brass coin. They told him that the coin would cure people who were dumb and the stick would heal other diseases. Liu awoke to find that the stick and coin were actually on the hard pillow of his brick bed.

Befriended by Patients.

The "Miracle Man" came to Peking, where his fame spread. He has had many patients, chiefly from among rich Chinese families.
When the police have threatened to interfere with him, he has been hidden in the houses of the wealthy sick people whom he has been attending. The Chinese believe that with his magic coin he has really cured several children who were dumb and that the stick has healed other sick people.
Even such powerful men as former governors of provinces have protected and befriended him, and he has been well fed, clothed and paid. From a position of poverty he has risen to be a prosperous man with a substantial fortune within a few months.

SHOCKED INTO SPEECH.

Dumb Motorist Who Tinkered With The Car Plugs.

A man who had been dumb since the war has recovered his voice after a shock from the plugs of his car, says Reuter from Fredericton (New Brunswick).
He was working on the plugs with a steel screwdriver when he received a severe shock up one arm and in his head.
He obeyed the impulse to give vent to his feelings in an emphatic exclamation, and found that he could talk once more.

POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current Week.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

The following letter dated November 2 has been received from the Colonial Secretary, and is published for information of all officers concerned:—

"I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you his thanks for the valuable assistance rendered by the Hong Kong Police Reserve Force on the occasion of the recent anti-Japanese riots."

The Inspector-General of Police also takes this opportunity to express his appreciation of the services rendered by the Police Reserves.

Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II.—The following members have been passed out as efficient in Part II. of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations):—Constables R21 Lo Hau-kan, R49 Pau Yuk-ming and R9 Li Man-shing.

Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central to-day at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

N.C.O.'s Class.—All N.C.O.'s will attend the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Friday at 4 p.m. for instruction under Mr. Paterson, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company.

Strength—Constable R269 Imam Din has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from November 19.

Part II.—Training Course.—All members who have not passed Part II. of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central, on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

Flying Squad.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Friday. No member may be absent from this patrol without leave from the Company Commander. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter uniform and cap with white cover.

Race Duty.—Members who are detailed for special duty at the Races will parade at Central Police Station on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—The following members have been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters' Company as from November 21:—Constables R408 F. O. Reed and R425 D. G. Wilson.

The following members have been permitted to resign as from November 21:—Lance Sergeant R425 P. C. Feuster and R408 S. G. Poole.

Night Firing Practice.—Night Rifle Practice will be carried out on the Kennedy Road Range on Friday at 6.15 p.m. Members will assemble outside Queen's Pier at the above time with their rifles. Uniform optional.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-day—Entertainment by Nellie Farren's Troops of Girls, Peninsula Hotel "Rose" Room.

To-morrow—Practice Dance, St. Andrew's Hall.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "A Warm Corner."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Just a Gigolo."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Greek Street."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Romance of the Opera" (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre; "Not So Dumb."

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Outward for America (Ginyo Maru) 10.30 a.m., for Europe via Siberia (General Metzinger) 2.30 p.m.

Jumble Sale.

Saturday—Hong Kong Benevolent Society Jumble Sale, City Hall, 11 a.m.

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Further List of Subscribers.

The Honorary Treasurer desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations:—

Previously acknowledged	\$4,254.38
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E. O. Murphy	10.00
Mrs. S. C. Ross	10.00
W. A. Zimmer	10.00
Total	\$4,397.35

FATAL FIRE SEQUEL.

An enquiry into the circumstances of the recent disastrous fire at 42, Pottinger Street was conducted by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon with a jury composed of Messrs. J. H. Davy (foreman), L. S. Silva and Fung Un.

The Coroner pointed out that the points for the jury to consider were (1) How did the fire originate? (2) Did the Police and Fire Brigade do all that could have been done under the circumstances? (3) Does any blame, direct or indirect, rest with anyone and (4) What were the reasons for the loss of life?

When the foreman of the jury suggested 'remedies for the future,' Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade said that concrete staircases should be built. It so happened that these old-type houses went hand-in-hand with narrow streets and were densely inhabited. In the present instance, 39 persons were living in the same building—13 on the ground floor and 26 on the upper.

The enquiry was adjourned.

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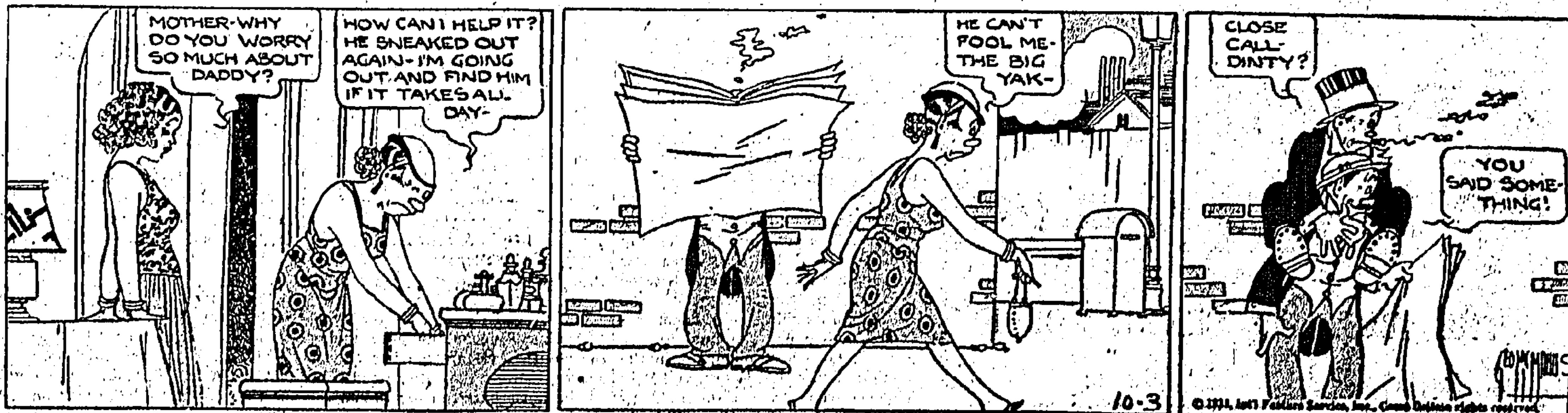
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

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STEWART'S GOOD WIN.

The following were the leading
scores in the Open Golf Cham-
pionship of the Colony, the result
of which was announced this
morning:

A. B. Stewart	77 + 84 = 161
H. G. Sheldon	81 + 82 = 163
H. H. Andrew	85 + 78 = 163
I. W. Shewan	81 + 82 = 163
A. E. Lissaman	83 + 83 = 166
A. H. Mussen	88 + 79 = 167
F. E. A. Remedios	87 + 81 = 168
O. E. C. Priestley	84 + 84 = 168
W. D. Denham	82 + 87 = 169
S. J. H. Fox	85 + 84 = 169
L. G. S. Dowdell	88 + 83 = 171
K. S. Robertson	84 + 87 = 171
I. Newton	87 + 86 = 173

There were 58 entries.
The prizes for the best rounds
in the morning and in the after-
noon cannot be announced till
after the play off for second place.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF.

The third ladies' championship
race under the auspices of the
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was
sailed yesterday, the course be-
ing:—(1) Channel Rocks (P); (2)
Kowloon Rock (P); (3) East Rock
Mark Boat (P); (4) Channel
Rocks; a distance of 7.3 miles.
Results:—

"H" Class.		[Started at 3 p.m.]	
Norena (Mrs. Krogh Moe)	5	4	6
Rella (Mrs. E. Sheldon)	3	6	7
Siska (Mrs. J. G. Mackie)	2	7	8
Diana (Mrs. E. M. Blingham)	6	3	9
Argulla (Mrs. E. Pearce)	1	9	10
Dorothea (Mrs. Stanton)	7	2	11
Colleen (Miss Nanssen)	4	5	12
"J", "K" & "G" Class.		[Started at 3.05 p.m.]	
Daphne (Miss E. Stokes)	4	12	13
Allen (Mrs. D. C. Lambert)	1	10	14
Why Wonder (Mrs. F. W. Jones)	6	10	15
Bluejacket (Mrs. G. D. Adams)	5	11	16
Boojum (Mrs. G. Pickering)	2	14	17
Speedwell (Mrs. A. E. Stewart)	3	13	18
Eunice (Miss E. Rose)	8	8	19
Joan (Miss Bird)	7	9	20

The second cruiser champion-
ship of the Royal Hong Kong
Yacht Club was sailed on Sunday,
the course being round Hong Kong
Island, a distance of 24 miles, and
resulted as follows:—

P'tion Pts.	
* Azuma (Mr. E. R. Lambert)	3
La Cigale (Mr. N. Croucher)	13
Isis (Capt. F. A. Anstruther)	1
* Norseman (Mr. F. L. Nicholson)	16
* Imogen (Mr. A. H. Chambers)	17
U. & I. (Mr. J. Barry)	4
* Curlew (Mr. J. Tosh)	12
Wanderer (Mr. F. Baker)	2
* Sea Lark (Mr. Cock)	14

The annual open Royal Navy
and Royal Marine team Boxing
Championships are to be held on
Friday, December 4, at the
Theatre Royal. Entries have been
received from H.M. Ships Kent,
Berwick, Cornwall, Suffolk, Med-
way and Submarines Hermes,
Tamar, and Small Ships. The
Commander-in-Chief has kindly
consented to the Royal Marines
Band playing before boxing and
during the interval.In a fast game of hockey at King's
Park yesterday afternoon, the Hong
Kong Hockey Club second eleven de-
feated the H.K.B.R.A. by the odd
goal in three. The score at half-
time was one-all. Nowers and
Wade scored for the winners, for
whom Reed and Kilbee gave an im-
pressive display.The Ladies' Open Singles Lawn
Tennis Championship for the cup
presented by the L.R.C. has now
reached the final round and is to be
decided on the courts of the
U.S.R.C. on Friday, play commencing
at 2.15 p.m. The finalists are
Miss E. Lo, whose opponent in the
semi-final was Mrs. Keary, and Miss
Thomas who reached the final by
defeating Mrs. Chiu Chiu Chiu inOxford Show Very
Good Form.

YORKSHIRE LOSE.

The results of the Rugby Union
matches played to-day were as
follows:—

Blackheath	3	Headingley	3
Guy's Hospital	5	Northampton	17
London Scottish	18	Cambridge U.	10
St. Bart's Hosp.	8	London Welsh	10
Bedford	16	Roselyn Park	3
Bristol	28	Harlequins	9
Cardiff	11	Llanelli	10
Moseley	3	Newport	17
Oxford U.	28	Richmond	3
Leicester	20	O.M.T.	3
Plymouth	0	Devonport Services	3

County Championship.
Lancashire 9 Cheshire 12
Durham 13 Yorkshire 11
Cumberland 11 Northumberland 8

London, Oct. 31.

The following are the results of
the matches played under Rugby
Northern Union rules to-day:—

Bally	16	H. K. Rovers	6
Bramley	11	Warrington	39
Castleford	21	St. Helen's R.	6
Huddersfield	21	Leigh	13
Hull	16	Broughton	3
Leeds	53	Barrow	10
Rochdale	17	Oldham	8
Salford	10	Hallifax	2
St. Helens	35	Bradford	5
Swinton	25	Keighley	12
Wakefield	28	Wigan Highfield	21
Widnes	24	Hunslet	3
Wigan	37	Featherstone	15
York	32	Dewsbury	17

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rugby Union.
London, Oct. 28.

Hampshire 16 Middlesex 9

Leicester 17 North. Lincol. 10

Derby

London, Oct. 29.

Yorkshire 39 Derbyshire 0

Glamorgan 24 Monmouth 0

London, Oct. 28.

Cambridge U. 12 Guy's Hosp. 9

Oxford U. 31 Oxford 9

Rugby League County Championship.

Yorkshire 20 Cumberland 35

NEW CYCLING RECORD.

78 K.P.H.

Como, November 1.
Manera, the Italian long distance
cycle champion, created to-day a
new world's record for one hour's
cycling when he covered 78,138
kilometres.The previous record was held by
Paillard (France), who covered
76,28 kilometres.
Manera also broke the records for
70 and 10 kilometres.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

RACING — Saturday — Twelfth

Extra Race Meeting at Happy

Valley.

HOCKEY — To-day — Y.M.C.A.

v. Jat Regiment on Marina

ground at 5 p.m.

To-morrow — Hong Kong Hockey

Club v. Jat Regiment on the

Marina ground at 5 p.m.

Friday — Hong Kong Hockey

Club "A" v. Y.M.C.A. at King's

Park at 5 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL — To-mor-

row — Kowloon R.F.C. v. H.M.S.

Hermes at King's Park at 5 p.m.

BOXING — Saturday — Hong

Kong Boxing Association Tourna-

ment at the Theatre Royal.

CRICKET — Saturday — Division

I. — Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian

R.C.; Division II. — Kowloon C.C.

v. R.E. & R.C.S. (L); Indian

R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.; Royal

Navy v. Queen's College.

FOOTBALL — Saturday — Senior

Shield — Borderers v. Kowloon;

Argylls v. Navy; Police v. St.

Joseph's; Recreation v. Club; Junior

Shield — Police v. Argylls; Recreation

v. R.A.F.; Division II. — University

v. Navy; R.A.O.C. v. Borderers.

GOLF — Saturday — St. Andrew's

Society v. St. George's Society at

Fanling.

three sets.

Brisbane, Yesterday.

Against Queensland here to-day

the South African touring eleven

scored 195 and then dismissed four

of the home batsmen for 78 runs.

Routier.

SCOTLAND BEATS WALES.

Overcome Bogey of the
Wrexham Ground.

FIRST SINCE 1899.

The Wrexham match between
Wales and Scotland was fought out
to-day on the historic racecourse
which hitherto has been Scotland's
bogey ground, the Scots not having
won an international there since
1899. Scotland won 3-2.Twenty thousand spectators were
present at the start. Scotland were
the more dangerous side in attack,
but some promising movements
were spoiled by the Welsh defen-
ders throwing them off-side.Wales were the first to score.
O'Callaghan sent in a shot which
was blocked, and the ball went out
to Curtis, who was tripped in at-
tempting to get past Harkness.Curtis scored from the penalty.
Stevenson equalised in the 25th
minute from a corner, and Thom-
son gave them the lead after the
match had been in progress 30
minutes. At half-time Scotland

were leading, 2-1.

Gray's masterly handling in goal
saved Wales repeatedly in the
second half. The Welshmen made
3 spasmodic raids, but their finishing
was poor.McGrory scored Scotland's third
while the Welshmen were standing
still, appealing for offside.Wales fought back strongly and
O'Callaghan scored following a free-
kick.The teams were:—
Wales:—Gray; Richards (Barn-
ley and Lumberg (Wolverhampton);
Edwards (Linsfield); T. Griffiths
(Everton) and Lawrence (Notts
County); P. Griffiths (Everton),
O'Callaghan, Glover (Grimsby),
Robbins (Cardiff), and Curtis (Bir-
mingham).Scotland:—Harkness; Blair and
McCauley; Maestle, Melkiojohn and
Brown (Rangers); R. Thomson
(Celtic), Stevenson (Motherwell),
McGrory, McPhail, and Alan
Morton.

KICKING FETISH IN RUGBY.

Welsh Handicap.

Welsh Rugby Union football has
suffered tremendously in recent
years from a surfeit of kicking by
half-backs and centre three-
quarters. According to the Man-
chester Sporting Chronicle, this is
the real reason why Wales no longer
produces outside half-backs and
wing three-quarters comparable
with the great players of the past.
"In some cases last season
an absence of real team spirit
was traced to the fact that
forwards who did their best in the
scrummages to obtain possession
became disgruntled when they saw
the ball kicked into the hands of
the opponents."The great need for Welsh foot-
ball this season—and it applies to
club football as well as inter-
national—is for straight-running,
determined half-backs and centre-
three-quarters—men who will use
their full powers to create scoring
chances for their wings."

PATAUDI SCORES A CENTURY.

Before Lunch.

New Delhi, November 1.
The selection match for the
Roshanara Tournament took place
here to-day. Before lunch the
Nawab of Pataudi scored 102 runs
not out.The match is being played
against the Army Club.The New Cantonment total so far
is 204 runs for four wickets.After lunch, Pataudi was caught
off the first ball of the over in the
slips.

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DONOR OF DAVIS CUP FAILS.

Unable to Persuade Helen Wills.

NOT COMING SOUTH.

Manila, November 19. Governor General Dwight F. Davis announced yesterday that he had sent his personal invitation by radio yesterday to Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, requesting that the famous woman tennis player extend her trip to the Philippines. The Governor General's wife was sent immediately after he was advised that the world's greatest woman tennis player was contemplating a stopover in Shanghai, and would not visit Manila.

James King Steele, who is a passenger on the Coolidge, sent a radio to officials of the Philippine Lawn Tennis Association on Tuesday, advising them that Mrs. Moody had decided to stop in Shanghai with her brother-in-law and his new wife, the former Mrs. McLain. The head of the tourist bureau suggested that urgent invitations be sent Mrs. Moody, and suggested that Governor General Dwight F. Davis be informed of the turn of affairs, and his aid requested in persuading Mrs. Moody to continue on to Manila.

Pilta officials announced last night that their organisation had again wired the woman not star urging her to come on to Manila, and had brought the matter to the notice of the Governor General.

It is understood that the Governor General has also written Mrs. Moody at Yokohama, as have officials of the P. I. tennis association.

If the combined efforts of the Governor General and the Pilta are effective, elaborate plans for the entertainment of Mrs. Moody are being made, and tentative arrangements are being made to have the local tennis lovers meet the Queen of the courts. If possible, it is hoped that Mrs. Moody will be seen in action in one or two exhibition matches while in Manila.

HELEN WILLS DECIDES TO STAY IN SHANGHAI.

Tokyo, November 20.

Helen Wills Moody, America's tennis ace who came across the Pacific on the new Dollar Liner President Coolidge, declared positively to-day that she will not continue on board the vessel to Manila.

She said she appreciated invitations from tennis enthusiasts in the Philippines, including Governor General Dwight F. Davis and the Philippine Islands Lawn Tennis Association, but that she already has made plans which will prevent her from accepting.

Mrs. Moody accompanied her husband, who is operating the stock exchange office on the liner.

Invitations from Manila urging

her to visit the islands were vigorously supported by James King Steele, of the Philippines Tourist Association, who is returning to the islands after a tour of the United States, but he had to admit failure in his efforts to persuade her.

Mrs. Moody and Steele won the mixed doubles deck tennis tournament, which provided passengers with plenty of excitement.

The President Coolidge arrived ahead of schedule after a fast crossing from Honolulu.—United Press.

"DAD AND ME" NIGHT.

When Lori Hampton, Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Imperial Headquarters, visited Arbroath for the Arbroath Scout Week, he took part in a novel evening party arranged by the Arbroath Scouts.

At the function the Boy Scouts acted as hosts to their fathers. Soon after their arrival, the fathers were bedecked with Scouts scarves, transferred from the necks of their sons.

During the interval the Scouts and their fathers separated into two parties for talks by Lord Hampton and by Sir Campbell Rhodes, District Commissioner for Loddon, Berkshire.

In addressing the fathers, Sir Campbell Rhodes spoke to them as a Boy Scout addressing his father intimately.

Barriers between Boys and Parents. After speaking of the barrier that often existed between a boy and his father and saying that it would be a very good thing if Scouts would sometimes talk to their fathers seriously, Sir Campbell Rhodes remarked:—"If, dad, you knew a little more about my Scouting, realised my keen enthusiasm for it; if you would encourage me a little more, and allow me to enter into your cares a little more, then I think that barrier would be torn down, and you would not only be as you are, 'my hero,' but you would also be my friend."

Lord Hampton, speaking to the Scouts, stressed the need and the opportunities for each Scout to bear his share in the crisis through which the Empire was passing. He said they wanted real Scouts in this country, fellows who could keep cheery and maintain a stiff upper lip. By doing this, Scouts would not only help their own country but also their own towns and their own districts.

Lord Hampton stressed the work which Scouts are carrying out throughout the world. By friendships, Jamborees, and other associations with Scouts abroad, they were trying to bring into the world a new spirit.

The evening programme included songs and sketches by different Scout Groups and other features in which the fathers took part. These features included such competitions as biscuit-eating, hat-grabbing, balloon-bursting, bean-passing, and statue-dressing.

"BETTER IN JAIL."

Accused Man's Determination To Continue In Crime.

When Ralph Cherrette (23), hotel porter, with Fred Smith (24), a miner, pleaded guilty at Cheshire adjourned Quarter Sessions to shopbreaking and larceny, a written statement by Cherrette was produced in which he said: "At first I kept straight because I was frightened of going to gaol, but once I had been inside I found it was better in gaol than on the road, and unless the state of the country alters I shall continue on my career of crime."

Both were sentenced to six months' hard labour, the Chairman (Major Royds) saying there was not much to choose between them.

LIGHT CAR SUCCESSES.

Over half a million people, it is estimated, watched the recent success of the British light car in the International Tourist Trophy Race of the Royal Automobile Club on the Ards Circuit, near Belfast. The results, from the British point of view, were entirely satisfactory, for British cars and drivers not only scored an outright win, but also secured the second most coveted trophy—the Team Prize, and this in spite of the fact that overseas rivalry was stronger than ever. It was, indeed, the day of the light car. Forty-four cars started, and of these 29 were under 1,500 c.c.

The race was won by Mr. Norman Black at the wheel of an M.G. Midget, a 740 c.c. model, which averaged the remarkable speed for the 360 miles of 67.90 m.p.h. Another car of the same type was third at 67.62 m.p.h., whilst an 1,100 c.c. unsupercharged Riley finished fifth.

Apart from sheer speed, the reliability of British products was most marked, for of the 19 finishers, 16 were British. Only two teams completed the course intact, these being the Riley team (winners), and the Austin team (runners-up). Records amongst the bigger cars went by the board, whilst not to be outshone, the light car classes also broke existing records. C. S. Staniland in a Riley averaged 72.30 m.p.h. for a lap, and H. C. Hamilton took an M.G. Midget round at 70 m.p.h.

Whatever else may be said as to the result of the Race, it is evident that British light cars are faster and more reliable than ever before.

BUICK FOR ABYSSINIA.

Ras Tafari, Emperor of Abyssinia, has purchased a seven-passenger Buick phaeton, fitted with a special green leather, to match the body colour of the car.

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Flying over unexplored territory in Peru, American fliers have discovered a great wall—a barrier similar to the great wall of China and possibly half of its size. The discovery is one of the outstanding achievements of the Shippee-Johnson aerial photographic expedition in their first months of pioneering work in Peru.

Arriving in Peru in December, the expedition had made more than 1,000 aerial photographs before the end of April. Thousands of feet of motion pictures have also been made from the air. It is certain, in the opinion of mining and archaeological authorities, that the discoveries of the expedition and the photographic records made, indicate a great advance in the geographic knowledge of the Andes.

The expedition, which is privately financed, has the co-operation of the American Geographical Society, and the Harvard Geological Society. Members of the expedition are Messrs. Robert Shippee, George R. Johnson, Irving G. Hay, Valentine Van Keuren and Max Distel. Mr. Shippee is pilot, geologist and historian. Mr. Johnson is photographer.

Mr. Van Keuren is a civil engineer and Mr. Hay is a pilot. Their equipment includes two Bellanca planes each powered with a Wright engine.

ROYAL FAMILY'S NEW CARS.

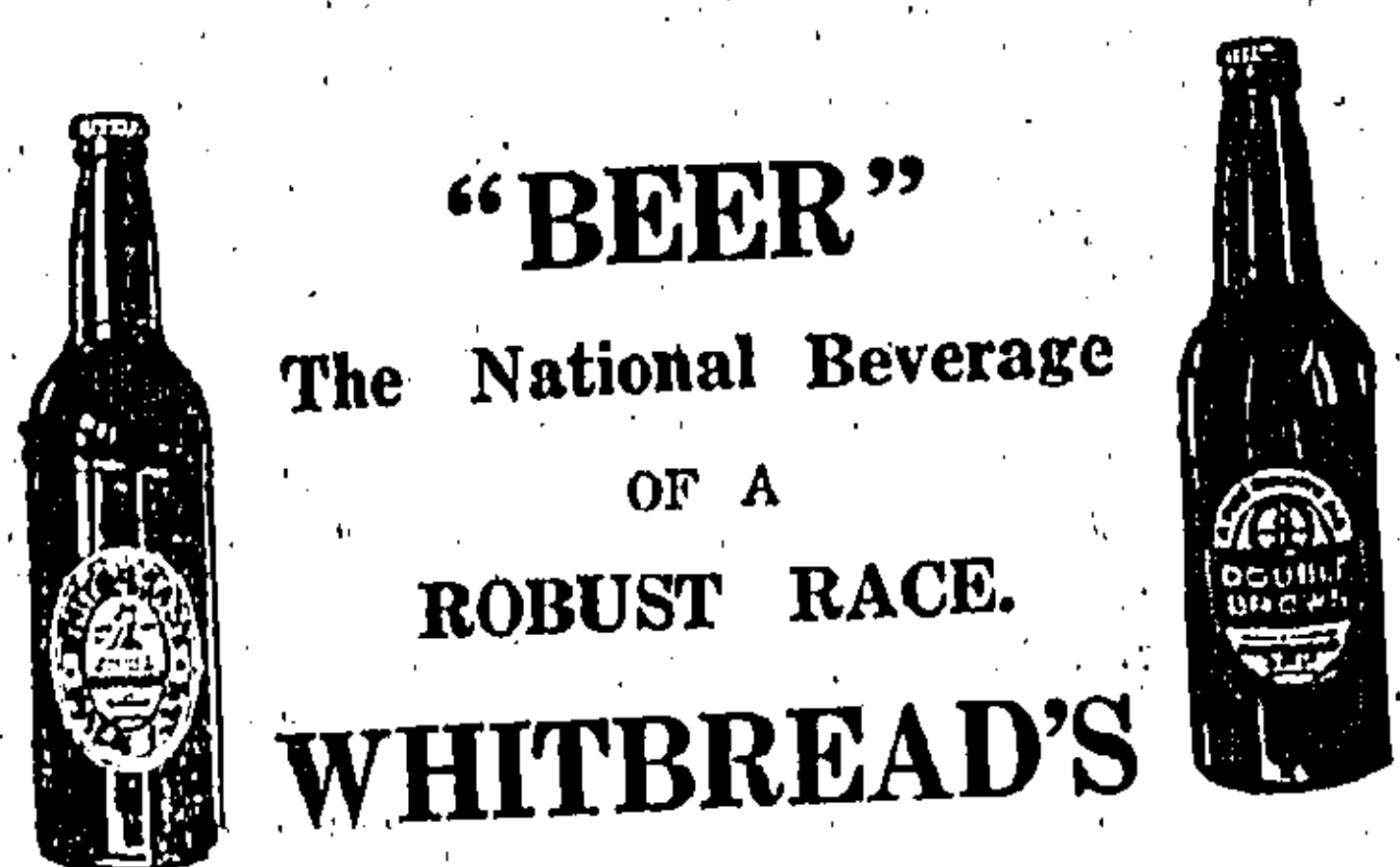
King George and Queen Mary have six new automobiles. The new fleet of cars includes two limousines and a brougham for the King and Queen. Four of the automobiles are painted in the royal colours of scarlet and maroon. The Queen's private car is painted in the traditional green.

"What a lot of busy-bodies there are about," exclaimed the motorist in the coffee-room of the country inn. "A man just came. In and talked a lot of stuff about joy-riding on Sunday. I very soon told him off."

"What did you tell him?" asked a sympathetic listener.

"Joy-riding, I said," replied the indignant motorist, "I'll have you understand, sir that I am on a motor tour, with my wife!"

A guest hurried up to the hotel clerk's counter. He had just ten minutes in which to pay his bill, reach the station, and catch his train. "Here, boy!" he called. "I've forgotten something. Run up to my room, No. 48, and see if I have left my toothbrush and sponge. Hurry! I've got no time to waste." The boy departed. In a minute or two he returned, out of breath. "Yes, sir," he panted, "you left them on the table!"

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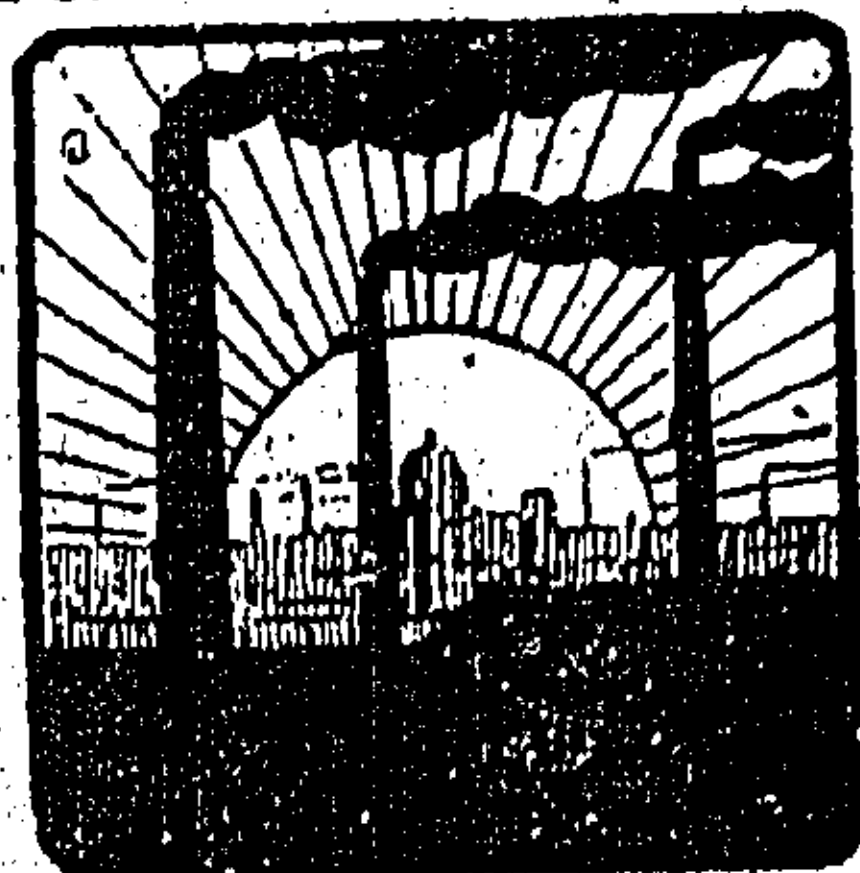
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Britain's Outlook.

With the new National Government now hard at work, those of us overseas who are far detached from Home politics may still speculate on the likely course of events and the creation of policies most suited to the eventual restoration of British financial and commercial prosperity. A striking article, which should have some reassuring effects in view of the prevailing uncertainty in some quarters, appears in the Monthly Review of the Midland Bank, of which Mr. Reginald McKenna is chairman.

The article, which no doubt expresses the considered views of this eminent financier, states that Britain's departure from the gold standard, under force majeure, was the proximate result of developments outside Britain. The increasing difficulties of debtor nations, staggering under the growing weight of debt service; the reactions upon the trade of creditor countries, the breakdown of the system of international long term lending; and the failure of co-ordinated action for relief; all these were responsible for a strain on the world's principal monetary centre which no mechanism yet devised could withstand. Britain is the world's strongest creditor country; but, as a financial centre, she was in the ordinary course of business a heavy debtor on short-term account. Her liquid resources, ample in all but the most abnormal world conditions to meet currently maturing claims, became largely frozen as the outcome of general economic disturbance.

Yet Britain remains tremendously strong. True, the balance of her international payments and receipts on current account has been running against her; but this process will naturally be checked by the fall in the external value of sterling. Imports will be deterred, and exports stimulated. On capital account, too, relief should naturally follow. And, although the fall in the external value of sterling

has already brought about some rise in wholesale prices, there is no cause at present for fearing any upward rush in the cost of living. No reason for alarm exists, then, in Britain's suspension of the gold standard. On the other hand, there is no sufficient basis for supposing that, merely as a consequence of that step, British trade is about to enter immediately on a period of great and lasting prosperity.

True, the relative cheapness of the pound will tend to some extent to check imports and to render more attractive the purchase abroad of British goods. But such effects must be limited while exchange rates are subject to wide and violent fluctuation. Further, what is needed far more than the capture of trade from export competitors is a recovery of buying power in potential markets through a world-wide rise in prices. British trade cannot thrive while world trade languishes. Balancing one thing with another the position of Britain may legitimately be viewed with calm and confidence, though not with excited optimism. There is no ground for panic, nor even pessimism. The condition of the world is in all truth serious, but Britain is in no worse state than most other countries.

The banking organ quoted above concludes:—"We still have unrivalled connections and experience; our national economic equipment and resources stand at a high level and are unimpaired by the departure from the gold standard; our public finances bear favourable comparison with other countries in that forces tending toward excessive inflation have been brought under strict control. Indeed, our departure from the gold standard may well represent the turning point from world slump to world recovery, for, to mention only one ground for this possibility, it intensifies the obvious and urgent necessity for international collaboration to restore order and efficiency in our monetary affairs."

Up to a point these views are eminently reassuring. We still await international collaboration to the fullest possible degree before we can regard ourselves as out of the wood.

From Other Pens.

Insurance Vanities.
A leading American insurance magazine has just published the names of 391 American citizens who carry \$1,000,000 worth or over of life insurance.

The top five are Pierre Samuel du Pont, gun-powder manufacturer (\$7,000,000), John C. Martin, of the Curtin-Martin Newspapers (\$6,540,000), William Fox, film magnate (\$6,500,000), Herbert L. Dillon, stockbroker (\$6,000,000), and Marshall Field, dry goodsman (\$5,500,000).

I admire the ingenuity of the American insurance magazine in trying to stimulate competition for the honour of being the heaviest-insured man in the world.

Such a competition would be impossible in this country. There are several Britons who carry heavy life insurances, but I doubt if the amount is on anything like the American scale.—Evening Standard.

A London Ronald Story.

Fame is not always what it seems, as this story shows. It was told by Sir Landon Ronald recently at a literary luncheon.

He was attending some function at a West-end hotel which he rarely visited, and the cloak-room attendant, instead of giving him a ticket, said, "That's all right, sir. I know you well."

"I was pleased with this recognition," said Sir Landon, "and when I came to go I acted indulgently towards this member of my public."

"But I had not walked far down the street when a scrap of paper fluttered out of my hat. I picked it up. On it was written, 'Bald, large nose, ugly.'"—Daily Telegraph.

A Matrimonial Smash.

Let those who object to the use of confetti at weddings take comfort from one thing—that they are not living in Thuringia, where it is apparently the custom to throw cups and saucers instead of confetti. "Usually," we are told in a telegram from Berlin, "friends of the couple gather outside the bride's house and celebrate the occasion by the smashing of crockery."

The precise significance of this ritual is not mentioned, but the throwing of rice or confetti is sometimes explained as an omen of plenty, so possibly the wholesale destruction of table utensils is intended as an even more opulent gesture of wealth and riches.

After all, the standard of living must be fairly high in a neighbourhood which can afford to smash up a dinner service or two every time a wedding takes place. Or the convention may be regarded in Thuringia as some sort of emphasis for the matrimonial vows of the bride and bridegroom—even as a Chinese oath is completed on occasion by the breaking of a saucer. As a matter of fact, and without reference to the exact intention of the ritual, it seems to have led to oaths of a less sacred character in modern Thuringia. In the town of Camburg, the practice has now been forbidden; it "has caused such havoc to motor-car tyres that the authorities have been compelled to intervene, since the town is liable to make good the damage." There, again, is a note of comfort for those who object to our more insular usage—confetti may make a mess, but it does not mean new tyres for every car that passes the scene of the wedding breakfast. Among other advantages the new regulations ought to make things rather easier for the bridal couples of Camburg. In the recent past they must have had to set out for the honeymoon on foot, for how could a taxicab take them to the station when it was impossible to drive up to the house with tyres intact?—Manchester Guardian.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 66 degrees. The humidity was 66 at 10 a.m. and 65 at 4 p.m.

Suffering from the after-effects of lye poisoning, alleged to have been self-administered, a woman, Yu Tuk-fung, aged 21 years, and living at 511, Shanghai Street, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Suffering from head and bodily injuries, through being knocked down by a motor lorry at the junction of Tung Lo Wan Road and Whitfield Road, Lan Muk-chang, (22) of 29 Jardine's Bazaar, has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

PUREE DE POIS

By

BESOMORO.**An Unusual Experience.**

A London woman, golfing the other day, was hitting a brassie shot, when a rabbit dashed from a hole a few yards in front. The ball struck the rabbit in the neck and killed it.

This reminds me of an unusual experience which came my way, a few years ago in Calcutta. It was at tennis. I was serving, when a sparrow happened to fly across the court at what is usually termed the "psychological moment." It was an unfortunate moment for the bird.

I wonder if readers, who have any such "unusual experiences" to relate, would care to send them along to me for publication.

Mad Wager.

A Bristol hospital surgeon has won a pair of gloves and a loaf of sponge having successfully fulfilled the terms of a wager made with a fellow house surgeon. He was dared to cross in a bath tub Bathurst Basin, one of the largest of Bristol's docks, using only his hands as paddles. Under cover of darkness, the "navigator" set out with the bath tub over his shoulders, launched it and took two hours to cross the dock.

Bravo! some will say. Lest any of Hong Kong's "gay sparks" essay to emulate the Bristol surgeon, let me add, that I shall be far less complimentary.

Flood's Flood of Wives.

Some men never know when they are well off, and some never learn from experience, as good a teacher as she is reputed to be. From Oakland, California, comes the story of Norman Flood, who admitted to having "married" 29 wives in 20 years. Good going! He is now in prison, serving a sentence for bigamy. Obviously a throw back from the Ark-lac age.

Scented Books.

An American publisher has announced that his books will be

scented with a delicate perfume, in future. The idea, I understand, is not a new one. The Ancients did the same thing. Special odours were used for each variety of book to put the reader in the proper mood and to kill the odours of glue and leather.

If the idea takes on, in course of time, Lily of the Valley and Ella Wheeler Wilcox, may become synonymous, Lavender and John Galsworthy allied, Eau de Cologne associated with Anatole France, and Formalin with Bertrand Russell or Huxley, and so on. A great ideal. And how our sense of smell will be developed. And our public library, so greatly in disfavour to-day, may become a place worth sitting in.

Are You a Whistler?

I don't mean an admirer of the famous painter. I mean a fellow who believes himself to be the human embodiment of a canary. A fellow who, unconsciously, of course, makes life unbearable for everybody in the house and outside it at his bath time. If you are such a person, then read, mark, learn and inwardly digest what Dr. Charles G. Shaw, Professor of Philosophy at New York University, has to say:

"Whistling is an unmistakable sign of a moron." Moron! (Read). "Whistlers are not trying to create music, but to release emotion. They are voicing their low mentality and confessing their sense of defeat." Low mentality! (Mark). "We have often heard, or used, the expression 'he whistled to keep his courage up.' That is just it, except that there is more in the crude act of whistling than the artificial affirmation of bravery. It is only the inferior, maladjusted individual who seeks emotional relief in such a birdlike act as whistling." Inferior, etc.! (Learn and inwardly digest).

I expect to be able to record, in a short time, a marked decrease in the habit of whistling in Hong Kong.

Personal Pars.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of James Henry Hawke, "Warder, Officers' Mess, Victoria Jail, and Leak Strelley, of 24, Village Road, Happy Valley.

Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, of the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Milk Co., left to-day by the s.s. Patroclus, which is proceeding Home via the usual ports.

Mr. Dwight F. Davis, Governor-General of the Philippines, arrived here yesterday on the s.s. President Lincoln on which he is proceeding to the United States on furlough. He was the guest of His Excellency Sir William Peel at Government House, and continued his journey homeward to-day.

Dame Adelaide Anderson, noted social worker, passed through Hong Kong yesterday on the s.s. Patroclus on her return from the Pacific Conference in Shanghai, and was a guest at dinner at Government House last night. This is not Dame Anderson's first visit to China as she was a member of the Foreign Office Delegation to China in 1926. She recently published a book "Humanity and Labour in China."

To-day's Thought.

With but little persuasion some people would try to make you change the opinion of a life time.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of November 24, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8.

People who want to participate in the decorations and illuminations on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales are requested by an advertisement appearing elsewhere to communicate at once with Mr. C. Montague Ede, of No. 8 and 4 Queen's Buildings, stating the number of lanterns they require. The executive committee which is arranging the details in connection with the Prince's visit wish to have an organised scheme of decoration and it is thought that it will be well to get a large stock of lanterns from Japan or somewhere and distribute them from Mr. Ede's office to those who order them.

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A HOLIDAY IN BLUEBEARD'S LAND

THE VOLUPTUARY, WHO BECAME A SAINT.

Somewhere on the Loire between Nantes and Angers, is an old monastery, which has been converted into the most charming of English country-houses. Here I come each year to spend my holiday, writes R. H. Bruce Lockhart in the Evening Standard.

It is a pleasant backwater in the rushing river of life. The sun shines on fields smiling with corn. The food is the best in the world. The wines are cheap and ambrosial. There are no distractions, no cinemas, few motorcars. It is the land of Bluebeard—or, rather, of the man who until recently was supposed to have served as the model for Perrault's fairy-tale.

Gilles de Raiz, Marshal of France, comrade-in-arms to Joan of Arc, richest man of his times, mystic, voluptuary, Sadiat and, finally, child-murderer, was no Bluebeard. There was no Fatima, no Sister Anne, in his life, but in the magnitude of his rise and fall his story is an epic.

The Gilded Youth.

To-day, all that remains of his former greatness is the ruined castle at Chantoce, close to my monastery, where he was born in December, 1404. His father was the Sieur de Laval, grand-nephew of Du Guesclin. His mother was a Croan and the daughter of the most avaricious and rapacious of French nobles.

At the age of eleven Gilles left an orphan. His estates are enormous. At the age of sixteen he abducts his fiancée with all her worldly goods. At eighteen he arrests his mother-in-law and seizes her lands. The King's ambassador, sent to remonstrate with the truculent baron, is stripped and beaten.

At nineteen he is richer. In comparison with his contemporaries, than John D. Rockefeller or Henry Ford. He has received a fair education—not as good as the historians make out. He can, however, read and write. He has a taste for culture. Above all, he likes the good things of life.

The Warrior.

And now a miracle occurs. All in not bad in Gilles. If his beard is black, there is blue blood in his veins. He is a soldier by birth. In the struggle for the French throne he takes the side of the French King. He meets Joan of Arc at Chinon. He is the first to espouse her cause, the first to rebuke the Dauphin for his lukewarmness.

His enthusiasm is a manifestation of the exalted mysticism in his character. He brings his vast wealth and his picked troops to her support. He is with her at Orleans. When she is wounded, it is his troops who restore the fortunes of the day. He brings her to the coronation at Rheims. For his services he is made a marshal—the youngest marshal in the history of France.

The Spendthrift.

Then comes the set-back. Joan is betrayed and burnt at the stake. With the death of his heroine Gilles' enthusiasm evaporates. He is tired of war. Now he plunges into an ocean of extravagance. He has his own troupe of players. He comes back to Orleans to stage his own drama: "The Mystery of the Siege of Orleans."

No Rheinhardt was ever more lavish in his production. The theatre itself is a marvel of construction—a scaffolding as high as a modern house with six platforms each as large as the largest modern stage. A hundred and forty regular actors and more than five hundred superns are engaged. The costumes are the richest silks and velvets that money can buy, and no costume is worn more than once. Free seats and free meals are provided for the whole town. The famous "Mystery" costs him more than 80,000 gold crowns—in present-day money equivalent to millions of pounds sterling. Gilles is on the high road to ruin.

He has recourse to borrowing. In despair his relations appeal to the King, who issues a writ of restraint on Gilles' action. Gilles has little respect for kings. He turns to the Duke of Brittany, who ignores the writ. The Duke covets Chantoce. He lends Gilles money

in return for a mortgage on his castles.

Alchemy For Debits.

Such profligacy cannot last. As Gilles becomes more desperate, his mysticism takes a wrong turning. To repay his debts he seeks the aid of alchemists. Prelati, prince of necromancers, is brought from Italy. Gilles retires to his castles, there to indulge in the orgies which are to encompass his ruin. Prelati, who is a celebrant of the Black Mass and who tries to invoke Satan to help his master, explains his failure by the insufficiency of the sacrifice offered. He demands human sacrifice, and Gilles agrees. But all to no purpose.

As one by one his castles are taken from him—Chantoce is one of the first to go—Gilles sinks lower and lower. He has become a drunkard. His abductions become bold almost to recklessness. The Duke of Brittany, now rich beyond his dreams, no longer humours Gilles. The Duke's Chancellor, who is also Bishop of Nantes, is his avowed enemy.

At last the blow falls. The Bishop institutes an inquiry. The evidence brought before him is overwhelming. More than two hundred boys and girls are known to have entered the portals of Chantoce, of Tiffauges, and Machecoul—never to appear again. They have been violated, tortured, immolated, and flung down the cellars by Gilles. The Bishop orders his arrest.

And now comes the strangest trial in history. Gilles and the companions who have fled and ruined him are brought to Nantes. All his life he has been in fear of hell-fire. It is the dread of excommunication more than the threat of torture which at last induces him to speak. And when he speaks his confession is complete. He regrets his dissipation. He wishes his death to be an example to others. He begs the Church to pray for his lost soul.

The Atonement.

And when he is condemned to death he makes his last request: that he may be led to the scaffold in a procession through the town and that his two servants, who have also been condemned, may be hanged with him. Even at the last his sense of the dramatic returns to him. He sees himself as Christ beside the two thieves.

His petition is granted, and on the morning of his death the banks of the Loire are black with people. A week before they would have torn the child-murderer to pieces. To-day, they have taken the repentant sinner to their heart.

As soon as the noose is drawn, the crowd in an excess of religious fervour rushes forward to take his body and give it burial. By the agony of his atonement the degenerate of yesterday has become a saint.

Thus dies Gilles de Raiz in the thirty-seventh year of his life. For years his shrine remains a pilgrimage for expectant mothers. Then he passes into legend. One historian after another repeats the error. Mr. Shaw introduces him into his Joan of Arc, and even Mr. Shaw gives him a blue beard.

It has been left to M. Gabory, the erudite historian of the Vendee, to restore Gilles to his true colour.

WHAT IS MAN?

The Bishop of Derby (Dr. Pearce), who presented the prizes at Buxton College Speech Day mentioned as examples of brevity in young children the little boy who wrote an essay on a cricket match, "Raining—no play," and the little girl who in another essay wrote, "Man is what woman has to marry."

Mr. A. D. C. Mason, in his head master's report, said that at the College they did not allow music and art to be crowded out by utilitarian subjects. They started before prayers every morning by listening to a work of one of the great masters played on the gramophone.

PEARL DISPLAY.

Interesting Exhibition at Komor's.

Mr. Kodaka, the great merchant and expert from Japan, has come again to Komor's. His exhibition this year exceeds anything which he has shown us before. Not only are the pearls themselves both natural and cultured, of very great beauty, but the settings are particularly fine artistically.

The exhibition includes pearls of many colours—pink, grey, orange, etc. To the inexperienced eye there is no very great difference between them as they lie in the showcase together, but it has been discovered by a well-dressed woman that the colour of the pearls they wear makes a very great difference to their appearance; therefore we advise all ladies to be very careful when they choose a pearl string with regard to their effect on the skin.

Pearls are themselves so perfect in texture and lustre that, unless they are of the correct colour they may make the skin look sallow and, as a general rule, brunettes who have a warm coloured skin are best suited by pearls of a pinkish or orange tint, leaving the more white and blue tones for those who possess a milky complexion.

Pearl necklaces, of course, always enthrall women even in these days of the very cheap and almost universal string. But when you see a cultured pearl necklace you realise what a world of difference there is between them and imitation beads. Not that they are by any means prohibited in price. The necklaces can be bought from about \$80, but a tiny graduated pearl necklace would come to about \$200 and makes a lovely wearing apparel.

Mr. Kodaka does not only exhibit pearl necklaces at Messrs. Komor and Komor's art room in Chatter Road. He also has a lovely collection of rings, tie-pins, studs, and earrings, etc., which are being sold at the moderate price of \$20 upward.

An early visit to Komor's will be advisable as the exhibition lasts for only ten days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S CHEF.

A Salvation Army Cook.

Few of those poor people who enjoy the hospitality of the Salvation Army at the Palais du Peuple in Paris know that their food is prepared by a former chef of the British Royal Household. He is M. Georges Douay, who was formerly a chef of Queen Alexandra.

In an interview with a representative of the "New York Herald" in Paris, M. Douay recalled days when the Prince of Wales, then a boy of 16, used to go into the Royal kitchen to get a slice of pie or cake.

Shortly before the war he made a cake for the Kaiser at Corfu. Then came the great struggle, and he left the service of the Queen to take his place in the French Army. He cooked for Marshal Foch and General Pershing, and from time to time received packets of cigarettes, food, and clothing from the Queen.

A GERMAN DISCOVERY.

"Sunlight Vitamin" In Pure Form.

Berlin. "Once more a barricade which opposes research into the process of life has fallen," says Prof. F. Mayer, in reporting to the "Frankfurter Zeitung" the isolation in pure crystalline form of vitamin D, the "sunlight vitamin," which prevents rickets.

This achievement is the work of Prof. Windaus, of Göttingen University, who in 1927 succeeded in extracting from ergosterin, which had been treated with ultra-violet rays, a substance containing a large proportion of this particular vitamin. After years of further work he has been able to free this substance completely from the by-products of irradiation which it contained, so that the vitamin is left in absolutely uncontaminated conditions.

FISH WALK IN THE DARK.

Miraculous Incident in Bengal.

Calcutta, Oct. 2. An amazing story of a miraculous incident which occurred during the recent lunar eclipse, as yet unverified from reliable sources, comes from Bazeedpur Village (Bengal), 20 miles south-east of Muzaffarpur.

History tells of fishes that dropped from the clouds and fishes that flew in the air, but this tale from a correspondent of the Statesman purports to recount how, at dead of night, as the moon was slowly darkening by the passing of the ecliptic shadow, there arose out of the stagnant water of a small rivulet "about 10,000 fish of abnormal size, none less than 36 lb. in weight, which walked over 50 feet of dry land into the sparkling waters of the Baraila Chur, a large lake which covers 24 square miles."

But this hiking escapade, according to the story, was not devoid of excitement as far as the fish were concerned.

"Peculiar Sound." Hearing what is described as "a peculiar sound," the villagers rushed to the place with lathis, and then, overcoming their first surprise, began to deal out lathi blows on those piscatorial pedestrians. But, apparently, the harder they hit the better the fish liked it, for the story adds: "The queerest part of the incident was that the blows produced no effect, and, in spite of the obstruction, the fishes managed to get into the lake without leaving any injured or dead on the ground."

Yet next morning there were definite signs all round that something unusual had happened. Concluding his tale of this lunar miracle, the correspondent adds: "This sort of migration of fishes has never been witnessed or heard of by the oldest fishermen of the district, and the incident is the talk of the whole neighbourhood."

HEIFETZ COMING.

48,000 Hours of Violin Playing.

Heifetz, who will be heard in recital here at the King's Theatre on December 4, estimates that he has played a violin for 48,000 hours during his life. That is the equivalent of playing nearly five and a half years steadily, twenty-four hours a day without a break and no time for sleep or meals. The figure includes both the time he has spent giving concerts and practising.



At the age of thirty, Heifetz has twenty-seven years of playing behind him. He himself does not remember a time when he could not play the violin any more than you can remember a time when you could not walk. For his fingers were trained for fiddling when he was three years old. His father bought him an instrument of quarter size and started him on his first lesson. From then on throughout his childhood he averaged four hours a day practising. His first public appearance was made at the age of five. It is his boast that since the age of seven he has been a self-supporting citizen.

SHOT AT A HEARSE.

Action Of A Rejected Pallbearer.

Because he was rejected as a pallbearer for a friend's burial Mr. Milbradt shot at a hearse during the funeral (says Reuter from Wadena, Minneapolis, U.S.). Mr. Milbradt, who is a farmer, was requested to act as pallbearer. The undertaker rejected him because he wore overalls. He admitted having shot at the hearse "in revenge," and was given a suspended sentence.

AIR SPEED ERROR.

Stainforth's 407.5
M.P.H.

Owing to the discovery of a slight error the figure of the air speed record attained by Filt-Lt. Stainforth on September 28 has been reduced from 408.8 miles per hour to 407.5.

Stainforth flew the 3-kilometre course five times, and in accordance with the rules four consecutive runs were used for the calculation. It will be remembered that the first four were taken, viz.:

	M.P.H.
No. 1	415.2
No. 2	405.1
No. 3	409.5
No. 4	405.4

A subsequent examination of the cinema film records on which the speed calculations are based decided the Royal Aero Club to rule out the first run, and in order that no possible question should arise, to take the second, third, fourth, and fifth runs. There were also minor alterations made here. The corrected readings are:—

	M.P.H.
No. 2	407.4
No. 3	409.5
No. 4	407.6
No. 5	404.6

Average: 407.5 m.p.m.

Royal Aero Club representatives flew to Paris on October 15 with a portfolio containing the official account of the fight, together with the cinema photographic records. This report has to be accepted by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale before it can stand as an official record. It is, of course, incontestable.

The calculations based on the cinema film record are very elaborate, and the difficulties were intensified by the shortness of a 3-kilometre course.

MOTORCAR COMES BACK TO LIFE.

Buried At Devil's Punch Bowl By Annoyed Owner?

Nearly 20 entries were received for the run for veteran cars from London to Brighton on November 15. These included a car built 35 years ago and an 1897 model which lay buried near Hindhead for over 20 years.

The owner and his wife drove it from London. During the journey it broke down 40 times. So exasperated was the owner that he finally turned it over the edge of the Devil's Punch-bowl, and there left it.

There was also a steam car which was built in 1904, which runs at a working pressure of 600 lb. per square inch. The run was limited to cars built in 1904 or earlier.

SPARE PART FOR DESERT.

A spare part for a car that had broken down in the heart of the African desert has been rushed by aeroplane from London.

Three British motorists, Captain Filby, Mr. Parker, and Dr. Demuralt are driving from Cairo to Cape Town under the auspices of the Overseas League, representing a number of British firms, with the object of opening up new trade in Africa.

Their car is a 20 years old Rolls-Royce, carrying about two tons, and the first trouble was encountered 60 miles from Juba, in the Sudan. Owing to the heavy rain, the Government had graded up both sides of the road to form an acute ridge to allow the water to drain off, so the car had to be driven at a considerable angle. After 280 miles the excessive strain resulted in the snapping of a rear axle cardan shaft.

The car was towed by 30 natives to the village of Bor, where a telegram was sent to the Rolls-Royce works at Derby, asking for a spare part to be sent immediately. The part was sent off at once to London, put on the African air mail, and delivered exactly seven days after the despatch of the telegram, in the village of Bor. Two hours later the car was able to resume its journey towards the South.

"It revolutionises and shatters all pre-conceived ideas of time and distance to be able to procure a vital spare part thousands of miles away from England in 7 days—and this for a pre-war car!" Captain Filby said in a message received in London subsequently.

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NOTICE.

MISS VIOLET CAPELL regrets to advise that, owing to her illness, she will be unable to resume her Dancing Classes in December. Due notice will be given individually and date will also be inserted in the papers when she is able to continue.

Hong Kong, November 24, 1931.

PENINSULA HOTEL.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.
Friday, November 27th, 1931.

The Roof Garden & Ball Room having been reserved for the above occasion, the management beg to inform their patrons that there will be—

NO DINNER DANCE ON THE ABOVE DATE.

GRILL ROOM DINNER—will be served to Guests of the St. Andrew's Society in the TEA LOUNGE on the FIRST FLOOR.

\$5.00 per Person.

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THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
SATURDAY, November 28, 1931,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.,
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A Quantity of
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On View from Friday, November 27, 1931.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, November 24, 1931.

SPORT NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE TWELFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 28th November, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box by 5 p.m. on the 27th November. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, November 28, 1931.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS LETTER MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN "VIA SIBERIA."

Christmas Letter Mail (letters and post cards only) for Great Britain "via Siberia" will be closed in the General Post Office on Saturday, November 28, per s.s. President Jefferson as follows:—
Registration Mail 5 p.m.
Ordinary Mail 6 p.m.
This mail is due in London about December 21.

PARCEL MAIL.

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs duties in this office is cancelled until further notice except as regards parcels of silk or of under the value of 25-0-0 or its equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day. It will however be necessary in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the Parcel.

Definite information will be published in the Mail Notices directly it is received.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL MAIL FOR U.S.A.

Christmas Parcel Mail for U.S.A. will be closed in the General Post Office at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, per s.s. President Jefferson.

This mail is due in Seattle on December 15.

There will be no mail for Europe via Suez this week-end. The Japanese steamer Yasukuni Maru, which was expected to leave on Saturday morning, 28th instant, will not leave until Friday, December 4.

INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Batavia Tjibadak

Shanghai and Swatow Sunning

Calcutta and Straits Ho Sang

Java Tjipanas

Saigon General Metzinger

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 7) Empress of Canada

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24.

Samshui and Wuchow Kong Ning 4 p.m.

Shanghai Mentor 4.30 p.m.

Saigon Shun Chih 4.30 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy Van Heutz 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Holhow and Haiphong Borneo 8.30 a.m.

Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco and South American Ports Ginyo Maru 10.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta Sui Sang

Parcels Nov. 25, Noon

Letters 1 p.m.

*Subscribed correspondence only.

BOXING.

CITY HALL
SATURDAY, 28th Nov., 1931,
at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

Welter-Weight Championship of the Colony

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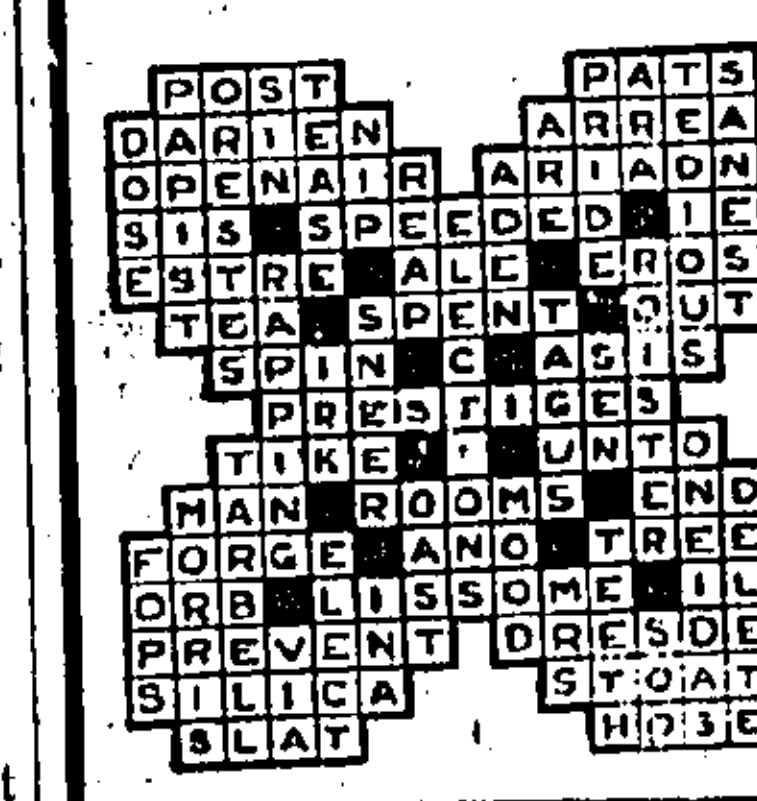
General Public: FRIDAY, 27th and SATURDAY, 28th November.

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OTHERS \$3.30 and \$1.10.

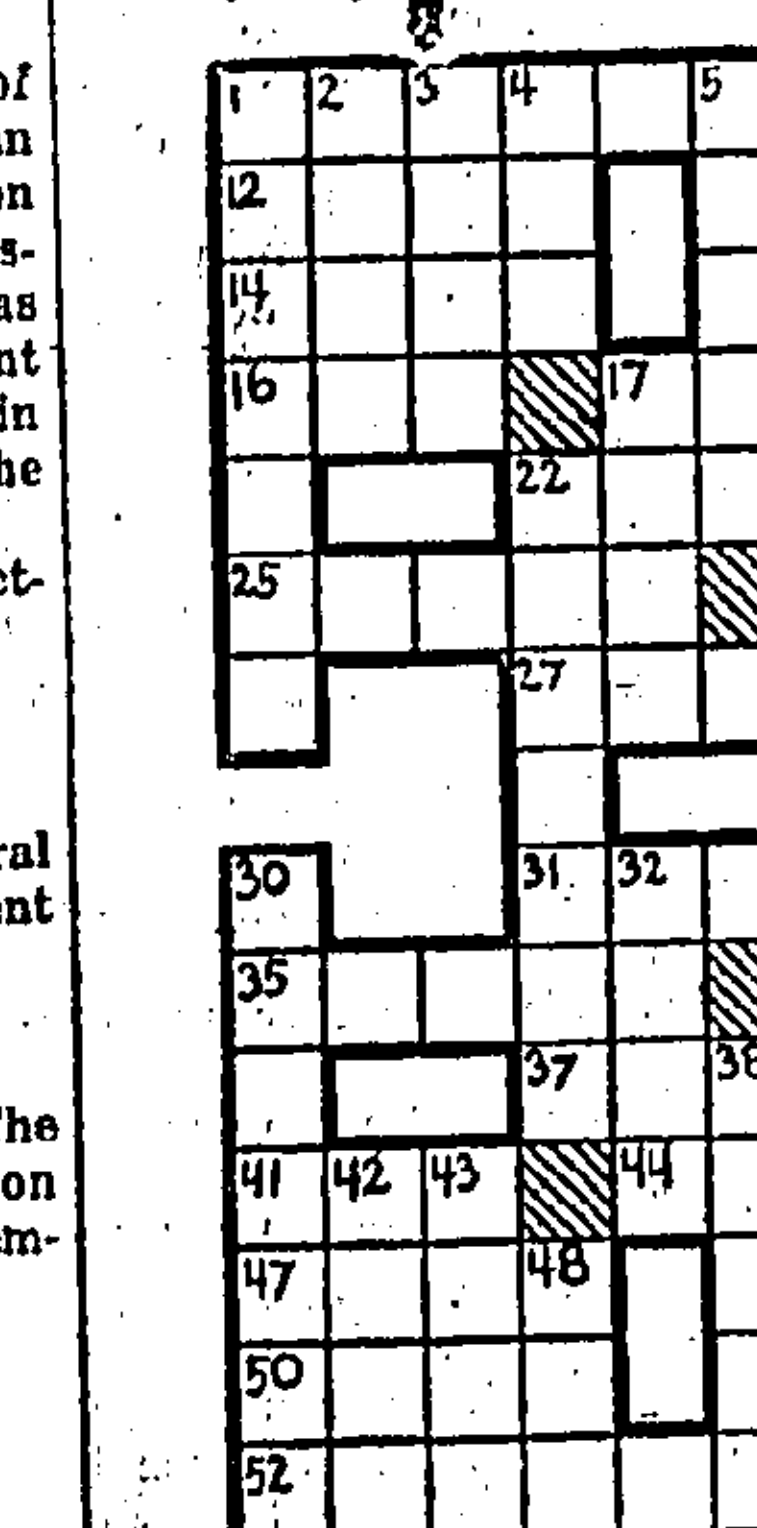
Including Amusement Tax.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This crossword puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1—Farm implements for leveling plowed ground
6—Large
12—Extent of surface
13—Crippled
14—To go up
15—To stumble and fall
16—A large cistern
17—Capital of Algeria
21—To sin
22—The rise and fall of the ocean
23—A territory east of the Dead Sea
24—An ecclesiastical council
25—Bacteria
27—Future misery of the wicked
28—Several varieties of the cuckoo
31—Drawing made with charcoal
35—Plural of Alga
36—Pertaining to Eolis
37—Tardy

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
38—A British seaport in Arabia
41—To procure
44—Instruments for crushing, as in a mortar
45—Cry of the dove
47—Greek god of love
48—A sea in S. W. Philippines Islands
50—Location
51—Ireland
52—Having made a will before death
53—Reputed seat of King Arthur
54—A sea in S. W. England

VERTICAL
1—To reap
2—A melody
3—Rebelling
4—A sea (Scott)
5—The earth
6—Prefix—backward
8—In music, high
9—A weed

VERTICAL (Cont.)
10—A Mohammedan prince
11—Crush
17—An assistant
18—French policeman
19—Expressive of emotion
20—A farinaceous food
22—Pertaining to matter of present interest
24—A blessing
25—Incorporated (abbr.)
30—Greatest
32—To give
33—The settlements of liquor
34—Any narrative or statement
38—A doctrine
40—Greek letter D
42—One of the Great Lakes
43—Little children
45—A ringlet of hair
46—A musical melody
48—Determined
49—To understand

(The solution of the above crossword puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new crossword puzzle.)

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank, Wire 1/3 1/8

Bank, on demand 1/3 1/8 1/8

Bank, 4 months' sight 1/3 1/8 1/8

Credits, 4 months' sight 1/5

Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/5 1/4

On Paris—

On demand 615

Credits, 4 months' sight 685

On Berlin—

On demand Nom

On New York—

On demand 24

Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/4

On Bombay—

Wire 86 1/2

On demand 86 1/2

On Calcutta—

Wire 86 1/2

On demand 86 1/2

On Singapore—

On demand 56

On Manila—

On demand 48

On Shanghai—

On demand Tls 75 1/2

Dollar 3% dis.

On Yokohama—

On demand 48 1/2

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/5

Silver (per oz.) 18 5/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.

Copper Cash Nom.

Copper Cents 3% prem.

Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 26% dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris 93 1/2

New York 4.66 1/4

Montreal 4.18 1/2

Brussels 26 13/32

Geneva 18 1/2

Amsterdam 9.12 1/2

Milan 7 1/4

Berlin 15 7/16

Stockholm 19

Vienna 28 Nom.

Copenhagen 18 1/2

Oslø 18 1/2

Prague 123 1/2

Helsingfors 194 Nom.

Madrid 43 1/2

Lisbon 109 1/2

Athens 300

Bucharest 615

Rio 3 15/16

Buenos Aires 37 1/2

Montevideo 28

Bombay 1/6 7/64

Shanghai 1/8 9/32

Hong Kong 1/4 9/32

Yokohama 2/8

Silver Spot 18 5/16

Silver Forward 18 1/2

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 23rd Nov., 1931.

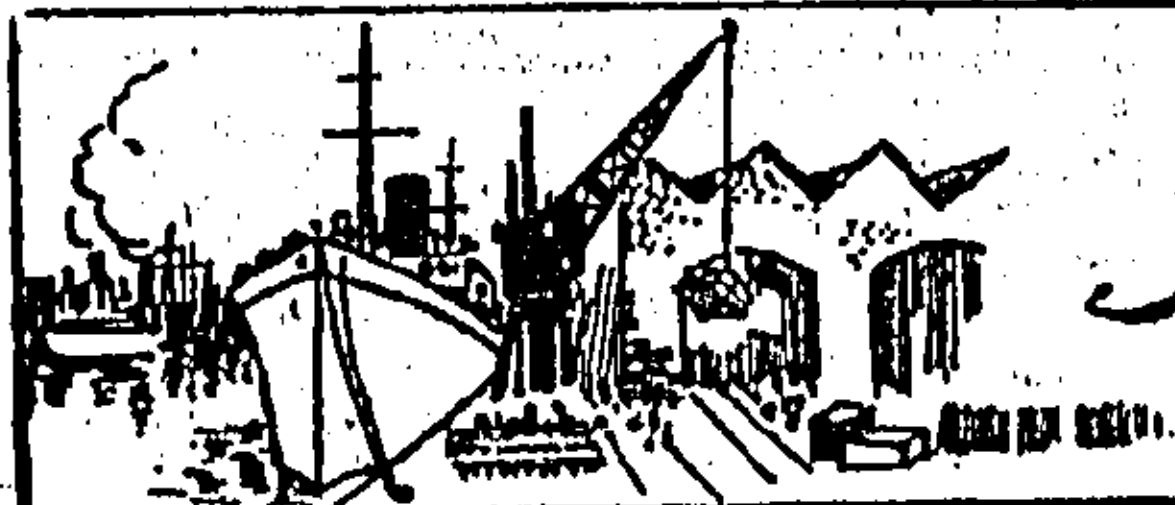
NO QUOTATIONS BEING SETTLEMENT DAY TO-DAY.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non	Fin. year	Last dividend and when
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	\$	...	...	157 1/2	Dec.	Interim 23 at 1/- = 35/-
Chartered Bank	\$	...	...	18 1/2	Dec.	Int. 7. 8th. 10/17 tax a/c 1931
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	\$	...	...	19 1/2	Dec.	Int. 7% a/c 1931 less 1/1 tax
Union	\$	...	...	7 1/2	...	...
Bank of Asia	\$	...	...	13 1/2	Dec.	\$4 for 1930
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	\$	...	...	1450	Dec.	[Fin. 8. 8th. 10/10 for 1929] = \$000 [Interim 8th a/c 1930] = 12/-
Union Ins.	\$	...	...	400	Dec.	[Fin. 11/7 for 1929] = 12/- [Interim 8th a/c 1930] = 12/-
China Underwriters ..	\$ 470	...	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	\$	...	...	650	Dec.	[Fin. 8. 8th. 10/10 for 1929] = 12/- [Interim 8th a/c 1930] = 12/-
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$	...	...	1450	Dec.	[Fin. 8. 8th. 10/10 for 1929] = 12/- [Interim 8th a/c 1930] = 12/-
Shipping.						
Douglases	\$	...	...	32 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924
H. K. Steamship	\$	...	...	32 1/2	Dec.	\$1.60 for 1929 None for 1930
Indo-China (P&O)	\$	...	...	35	...	[12/- 2/- 2/- on preferred] for 1929 and 1930
Shells Bearer	\$	...	...	40 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921
Union Waterways	\$	...	...	38	Dec.	[Fin. 10 Coupon No. 26] for 1929 [Interim 8th a/c 1930] = 12/-
Mining.						
Benguet	\$	...	...	10 1/2	Dec.	Third Int. 20 cents a/c 1930
Kailash Mining Ad. 1/2	\$	...	...	31 1/2	June	Fin. 1/2 free 1/1 tax Upon 35/- making 1/2 for year 20-2-30
Langkat (Single) Tls.	...	...	...	6.05	Oct.	T. 6.5 for year 21-10-22
Shai Exploration Tls.	...	...	...	3	...	None
Loans	...	...	...	4 1/2	Dec.	[Fin. 10. 2. 25] for 1929
Rauba	\$	...	...	48	Mar.	[Fin. 10. 2. 25] for 1929
Venezuela Gold Fields	\$	...	...	9 1/2	...	Need. Int. 2 1/2 a/c year 21-3-31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	\$	...	...	180 1/2	Dec.	\$9 for 1929
H. K. & W. Docks	\$	...	...	81 1/2	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924
South Ch. Motors (A) ..	\$	...	...	10	...	...
China Provident (old) ..	\$	...	...	12	Dec.	[10 cents on old] for 1930
China Provident (new) ..	\$ 2.45	...	...	10	Dec.	[10 cents on old] for 1930
Hongkew	Tls.	...	...	210	Dec.	Interim T. 8 a/c 1931
N. Engineering	Tls.	...	...	5 1/2	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1930
Shanghai Docks	Tls.	...	...	95	Apr.	T. 0.25 for year 20-4-31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H.K. & S. Hls. (old) \$ 14 1/2	...	...	...	14.60	...	...
H.K. Lands	\$ 14 1/2	...	...	80	Dec.	\$0 cents for 1930
Shanghai Lands	Tls.	...	...	32 1/2	Dec.	Interim 12 a/c 1931
Humphreys (old)	\$	...	...	18	Dec.	Interim T. 0.30 a/c 1931
H. K. Realities	\$ 11.05	...	...	1 1/2	Dec.	\$0 cents for 1930
Chinese Estates	\$	...	...	95	Feb.	Interim 30 cents a/c 1931
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cotton	Tls. 10 1/2	...	...	15.30	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930
Shanghai Cotton	Tls.	...	...	55	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3.25 for half year 20-1-31
Zoong Sigs	Tls.	...	...	12	June	T. 0.80 for year 20-4-31
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	\$ 10.60	...	...	14 1/2	Dec.	Interim 40 cents a/c 1931
Peak Trams (old)	\$	...	...	6.85	Apr.	\$4 for 1929
Star Ferries	\$ 93	...	...	20	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1931
Yau-mat Ferries	\$	...	...	20	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1931
China Light	\$ 27.10	...	...	26.00	Sep.	\$2.50 for 1930
H. K. Electric	\$ 70 1/2	...	...	70	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1930
Macao	\$	...	...	35	Dec.	...
Sandakan Lights	\$	...	...	48	June	None
H.K. Tels. fully paid ..	\$ 25	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 4% a/c 1931
China Bus	Tls.	...	...	17.00	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1922
S'pore Traction (Ord.) ..	\$	...	...	1/-	Sep.	[14] on preference also
S'pore Traction (Pref.) ..	\$	...	...	19/-	...	Subject to Income Tax
Industrials.						
China Sugars	\$	...	...	5000	...	In Liquidation.
Malaban Sugars	\$	...	...	80	Dec.	P. 4.50 for 1930
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec.	[T. 1. 10] for 1930
Cementa (com.)	\$ 18.65	...	...	10 1/2	July	70 cents for year 21-7-31
Cementa (old)	\$	...	...	15 1/2	Dec.	[30 cents on old] for 1930
Cementa (new)	\$	...	...	0	...	...
H. K. Rope	\$	...	...	16.65	Dec.	75 cents for 1930
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	\$ 28 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1.00 for 1930
Watsons	\$	...	...	15 1/2	Oct.	75 cents for year 21-10-30
Der A Wings	\$	...	...	1	...	...
Lanc Crawfords (old) ..	\$	...	...	5.00	Feb.	Last dividend for year 21
Lanc Crawfords (new) ..	\$	...	...	0 1/2	...	...
Macintosh	\$	...	...	10	Feb.	\$5 for year 21-2-31
Sincores	\$	...	...	15 1/2	...	...
Wm. J. Fowells	\$	...	...	3.00	Feb.	20 cents for year 22-5-31
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	\$	...	...	10	Mar.	\$2.00 for year 21-3-31
C. Entertainment (old) ..	\$	...	...	15	...	...
C. Entertainment (new) ..	\$	...	...	11	...	...
Sou. Ch. Enterprises	\$	...	...	6 1/2	Dec.	30 cents for 1930
H.K. C'tructions (old) ..	\$	...	...	1.00	...	...
H.K. C'tructions (new) ..	\$	...	...	1.00	...	...
B. Ind. G. Bonds	\$	...	...	60%	...	...
H. K. Gov. Loans	\$ 2%	...	...	...	...	Interest half yearly

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Shipping Intelligence.

1915 EXPLOSION ON H.M.S. NATAL.

Was It Caused by Enemy Action?

SALVAGE WORKERS' DISCOVERY.

(By Hector C. Bywater.)
I understand that salvage operations on the sunken cruiser Natal, in Cromarty Firth, are shedding a new and possibly a sinister light on the mysterious fate of this ship.

Natal, a heavy armoured cruiser, was destroyed by an internal explosion on December 30, 1915, while lying in Cromarty Harbour, and when a number of local civilians, including children, were guests on board at a New Year party.

Observers in other ships suddenly noticed flames and smoke rising from Natal. A general alarm was sounded and boats were ordered to be lowered, but before anything could be done a terrific explosion took place. The after part of the ship was blown to pieces, and she sank in four minutes.

At first ascribed to an enemy submarine, the disaster was later officially put down to defects in part of the ammunition. Now, however, the official verdict may have to be revised in view of a recent discovery.

Internal Machine Theory.
For fifteen years the wreck lay off Cromarty, only partially submerged at low tide. This year the Middlesbrough Salvage Co. was commissioned to demolish it. Up to now the double bottom of the ship has been ripped away, and engines, condensers, and numerous metal fittings have been removed, but owing to the slump in metal prices the salvors have suspended operations for the time being.

I am informed on good authority that magazines and shell-rooms, which were assumed to have exploded, thus destroying the ship, have been found intact, with the cordite charges and projectiles still in their places.

If that be so, some other explanation of the disaster must be sought. Many people in the British district believed at the time, and still believe, that the ship was destroyed by enemy action, the theory of an internal machine in the coal bunkers being held by the majority.

While there is no actual evidence to support this idea, it is a coincidence that all three of the British warships—Bulwark, Natal, and Vanguard—which were destroyed in the war by internal explosion, should have been coal-burning ships.

Bomb Factory on Liner.
It may also be recalled that two Italian battleships, Benedetto Brin and Leonardo da Vinci, were destroyed by internal machines, which Austrian agents had secreted in each of the ships. This is acknowledged

in the Austrian official war history.

Further, it is known that bombs skillfully camouflaged to resemble blocks of coal, oil drums, and parts of ship's gear were produced in Germany, in the hope of "planting" them in Allied men-of-war and merchantmen. A bomb factory for the same purpose was actually established in one of the German liners interned at New York, and several Allied ships crossing the Atlantic were destroyed by mysterious fires and explosions, which were traced back to the products of this factory.

KOWLOON DOCK.

Launch of a New Motor Vessel.

The latest addition to the fleet of waterboats owned by the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., the motor vessel Tai Sam Ho 3 was successfully launched yesterday at the West Yard of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

This is the twelfth waterboat built by the Dock Co. for the same owners over a period of 25 years. The first nine of these boats were propelled by compound surface condensing steam engines with a pumping outfit consisting of steam driven horizontal duplex pumps, while the latest three boats have propelling machinery and auxiliaries of the Diesel type.

The Tai Sam Ho 3 has a steel hull with dimensions:—
Length 105'0"
Breadth 22'0"
Depth 10'0"

Machinery is placed aft and the hold amidships is divided in four water tanks by fore and aft and athwartship watertight bulkheads. Suitable accommodation is provided for the crew on deck forward in a steel house with the bridge deck and steering position over. Vessel is designed to carry 330 tons of fresh water and will have a speed on service of about 7 knots.

In this new boat the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., have again followed their progressive policy of installing the most up-to-date and economical machinery on the market.

The adoption of crude oil engine drive enables all the machinery for propulsion and pumping to be installed in a compact and well laid out engine room.

Propelling Machinery.
As in the No. 2 Waterboat, the main engine consists of a Gardner "J" type, two stroke, full diesel engine, developing 152 H.P. on the shaft. The engine is direct reversing and its water circulating pump and air compressor are fitted integral with the engine and driven from the main shaft. Fuel costs when running at full speed, will be in the neighbourhood of \$2.00 per hour.

Auxiliary Machinery.
The pumping machinery consists of a two stage centrifugal

pump having an output of 100 tons per hour against a head of 75 feet, direct coupled to one of the new Gardner "L" type, high speed, full diesel engines, running at 1,000 r.p.m. and developing 19 H.P. This departure from the usual practice of fitting a reciprocating pump has resulted from highly satisfactory results obtained on a similar set which was installed in the No. 2 Waterboat.

A petrol driven compressor is fitted as a standby for pumping up the air bottles in case of necessity or loss of air when the main engine is shut down. Lighting for the engine room and navigating lights is provided by a 32 volt battery which in its turn is charged by a dynamo driven from the pumping set.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

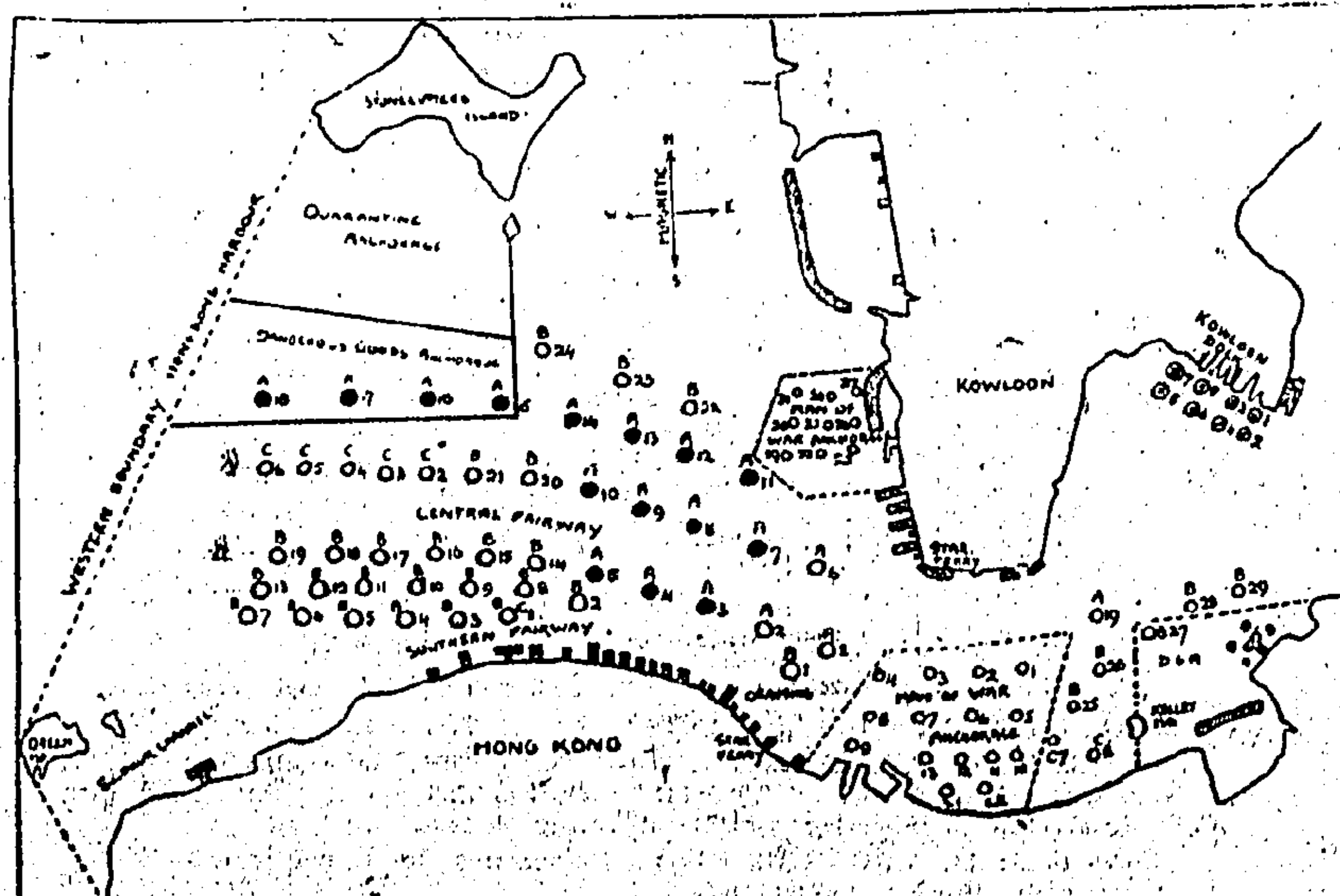
Berwick—No. 8 buoy.
Bruce—South wall.
Cornwall—No. 5 buoy.
Folkstone—West wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Kent—North arm.
Medway and Subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Olympus—In dock.
Osiris—In dock.
Perseus—In dock.
Seymour—East wall.
Sirdar—Kowloon wharf.
Scorpio—North wall.
Somme—East wall.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—North wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Craonne—French dispatch vessel.
Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Helena—American gunboat.
Houston—American gunboat.
Isabel—American gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.

SPAIN AND MOTOR SHIPS.

Since first experimenting with motor vessels several years ago, practically all Spanish shipowners have adopted internal-combustion machinery for their new vessels, whether cargo or passenger. As it is evidently the intention to develop shipbuilding in Spain so far as possible when normal circumstances return—and even before they return, if one may judge from the tanker orders recently placed—it would seem that Spain represents a good field for the sale of marine Diesel engines, since none at present is built in that country. Of the recent orders for internal-combustion machinery for ships—that is to say, within the past three or four years—not one has been placed with British builders, and this is a circumstance which is somewhat disquieting. When reciprocating steam engines were universal, a large proportion of those required for installation in ships in Spain were supplied from British works. Quite apart from the loss of orders which are so much needed at the present time when they are for export, the breaking down of a very long association is regrettable.

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	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Nagasaki	Kobe	Yokohama	Honolulu	Vancouver
Emp. of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12	Dec. 12	Dec. 20	Dec. 20
Emp. of Russia	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Jan. 4	Jan. 4
Emp. of Japan	Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 9	Jan. 17	Jan. 17
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 6	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 22	Feb. 22
Emp. of Canada	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 6
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 21	Mar. 21
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 23	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 11	Apr. 11
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 17	Apr. 27	Apr. 27
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 9	May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 7	May 10	May 12	May 14	May 15	May 25	May 25
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 4
Emp. of Canada	June 4	June 7	June 9	June 11	June 12	June 22	June 22
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25	July 4	July 4

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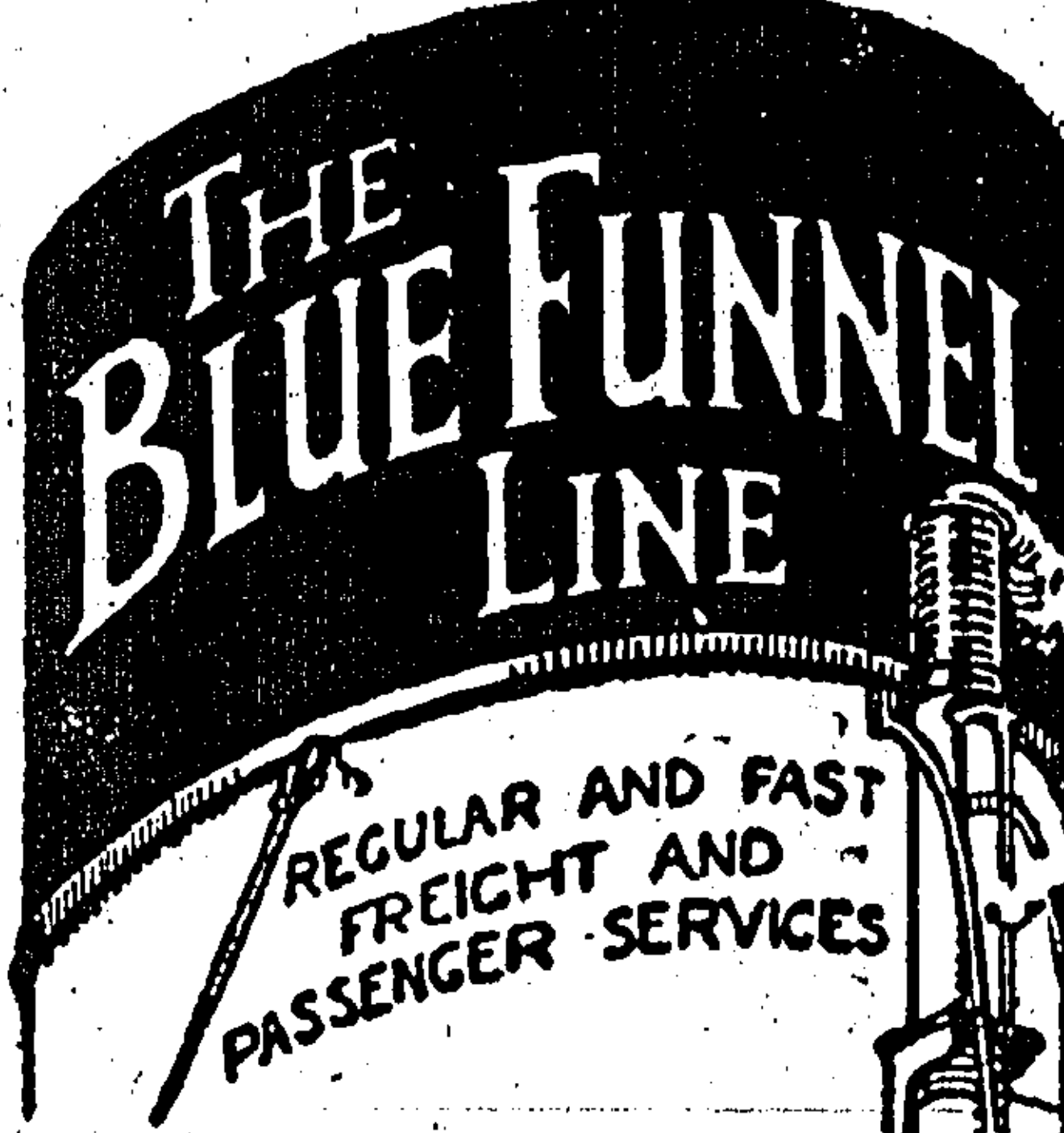
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HAIPHONG via Hobeu.	Horan Maru	Sun.,	29th Nov.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Panama Maru	Tues.,	8th Dec.
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charter. Not only have the skipper, six Norwegian officers and the Chinese crew, totalling 34, been unable to get their salaries owing to the dispute, but they have now been brought face to face with the question of living. The crew approached their respective consulates for help on this point, but the Chinese Consulate is quoted as refusing the request for the reason that responsibility lies with the owner while the Norwegian Consulate is reported to be willing to give a helping hand in the matter. None of the crew are permitted to leave the steamer and are being confined to board, anxiously waiting for the solution of the dispute.

DATE		HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Nov.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.	
Tues. 24	H. M.	F.	H. M.	F.	
	09 15	5.2	01 45	1.5	
	20 44	7.5	12 58	2.8	
Wed. 25	10 54	5.1	03 29	1.8	
	21 05	7.9	14 22	3.0	
Thurs 26	10 53	5.4	04 09	1.8	
	12 30	8.4	14 48	3.0	
Fri. 27	11 46	4.9	04 50	1.4	
	22 00	8.4	15 10	3.1	
Sat. 28	12 43	4.7	05 39	1.1	
	22 34	8.4	15 22	3.1	
Sun. 29	13 45	4.6	06 30	1.1	
	23 14	8.2	15 52	3.1	
Mon. 30	—	—	07 15	1.0	
	14 53	4.6	18 14	4.1	

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on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-8 p.m.—European Programme
of Victor Records.

5-5:27 p.m.—Orchestral.
Waltz—Petipourri (Robrecht).

March Weber & His Orchestra.

Wine, Woman and Song (Strauss).

Southern Roses (Strauss).

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
In a Monastery Garden (Kotelbey).

Romance (Tschalkowsky).

Victor Concert Orchestra.

5:27-6 p.m.—Instrumental.
Violin Solo—
Tango (Elman).

Album Leaf (Wagner-Wilhelm).

Piano Solo—
Dancing Virgins of Delphi
(Debussy).

6-6:45 p.m.—Concert Items.
Song—
Just a-Wearyin' for You
(Stanton-Jacobs-Bond).

I Love You Truly (Jacobs-Bond).

Dusolina Giannini (Soprano).

Song—
Believe Me if All Those Endearing
Young Charms (Moore).

Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes
(Johnson).

Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).

Piano Solo—
Liebestraum No. 3 (A Dream of
Love) (Liszt-Ganz).

Valce Brillante Op. 34, No. 1
(Chopin-Joseffy) Rudolph Ganz.

Song—
Home Sweet Home (Payne-Bishop).

Last Rose of Summer (Moore).

Madame Amelita Galli-Curci
(Soprano).

Violoncello Solo—
Le Cygne (The Swan)
(Saint-Saens).

Moment Musical (Schubert).

Song—
The Irish Emigrant
(Dufferin-Barker).

WATER RETURN.

Most Reservoirs on
Island Below Level.

The level and storage of water in
the reservoirs on November 1, 1931,
were as under:

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	5' 1" B	11' 3" B
Tytam Byewash	14' 3" B	12' 2" B
Tytam Intermediate	L	L
Tytam Tuk	1' 0" B	2' 0" B
Wong Nei Chung	10' 10" B	10' 4" B
Pokfulum	11' 8" B	14' 5" B
Aberdeen Upper	11' 8" B	14' 5" B
Aberdeen Lower	0' 2" B	0' 2" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Over-
flow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow";
L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")
Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1930	1931
Consumption	363.63	381.61
Estimated population	447,180	381,250
Consumption per head per day	28.2	32.3
from Mainland	97.08	million gallons
from Mainland	83.05	million gallons
Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month of October, 1930 and 1931.		

	1930	1931
Kowloon Main	2' 8" A	4' 9" B
Kowloon Byewash	—	—
Shik Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 1" B	0' 7" B
Shing Mun Reception Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	0' 9" B	0' 4" B

	1930	1931
Kowloon Main	381.32	352.50
Kowloon Byewash	—	167.45
Shik Lai Pui Reservoir	115.76	113.70
Shing Mun Reception	31.17	32.27

Total 528.25 | 665.92 |

Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons
during the month of October, 1931.
1930 1931
Consumption 155.68 | 159.67 || Estimated population | 177,400 | 201,900 |
| Consumption per head per day | 28.2 | 17.6 |
| Constant supply in all districts dur- ing October, 1930 and 1931. | | |

The reports of the Government Bac-
teriologist and Analyst show that the
quality of the water is satisfactory.
Total rainfall recorded by Royal
Observatory from January 1, 1930,
65.16; January 1, 1931, 74.57.

By the Short Cut to the Rossos
(Hopper-Fox).
John McCormack (Tenor).
6:45-7:10 p.m.—Organ Solos.

Indian Love Call,
Serenade Jesse Crawford. |

Marie My Own Jesse Crawford. |

Joanne I Dream of Lilac Time,
King for a Day Jesse Crawford. |

7:10-7:24 p.m.—Band Selections.
Paganentry (King).

Colossus of Columbia (Alexander),
Ringling Brothers & Barnum
& Bailey's Band.

Sabre and Spurs (Souza),
Solid Men to the Front (Souza),
Sousa's Band.

7:24-8 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—
Selections from "Good News",
Selections from "Funny Face",
Victor Ardon & Phil Ohman
& their Orchestra.

Song—
Tuck Away My Lonesome Blues,
My Rough and Rowdy Ways,
Jimmie Rodgers.

Piano Solo—
Ain't Misbehavin',
Sweet Savannah Sue,
Thomas Waller.

Instrumental—
Hula Girl,
Kane's Blues Kane's Hawaiians. |

Song—
When They Changed My Name to
a Number,
For Sweetheart's Only,
Gene Austin (Tenor).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8:05-11:30 p.m.—Relay from Ko
Shing Theatre.

11:30 p.m.—Close Down.

A MODERN STUDIO.

The following description of the
short-wave station, Radio Saigon,
situated at Chi-Hoa in French
Indo-China, will be of great interest
to all listeners.

The station building, houses
the short-wave transmitter and
also a medium-wave transmitter
which, employing a wavelength of
360 metres with an aerial power of
1.5 kw, has been in operation since
March of this year.

The short-wave transmitter, built
by a French firm, was completed in
June, began test transmissions early
in July, and was officially opened
on July 18, 1930. The wavelength
used is actually 49.05 metres (6.121
kc/s).

The short-wave transmitting ap-
paratus comprises a crystal-control-
led oscillator, frequency doubler
and low and medium power
amplifiers, forming the first
complete unit or stage. The
second stage, the high-fre-
quency power amplifier, consists of
two 15 kw. water-cooled valves
working with an anode supply of
10,000 volts.

The Control Desk.
Stage three is the modulator,
operating on the anode current con-
trol principle, and consists of a sub-
modulator, having four valves,
transformer coupled to the grids of
three 15 kw. valves which form the
main modulator.

The control desk is situated in
the centre of the transmitting room
and is provided with push-button
control by means of which
the engineer-in-charge can
operate distant contractors
which effect all necessary
switching. The electric power
supply is obtained by means of a
number of motor-generators which
provide the anode supply at 10,000
volts for the water-cooled valves; a
supply at 3,500 volts for the
medium-power valves, and at 550
volts for the anodes of the low-
power valves.

A small 550-volt generator, in
conjunction with a potentiometer
arrangement, provides the neces-
sary grid bias supply and a separate
1,500-volt generator supplies the
anodes of the modulating valves.

A Fine Studio.

Two accumulator-batteries are
provided, one of 240 volts for the
crystal control stage, and one of 15
volts for the filament of the water-
cooled valves and the medium-
powered valves are heated by alter-
nating current from a transformer.
The supply of cold water to the
jackets of the valves is maintained
by a motor-driven pump, and cooling
of the metal joints is effected by
means of an air blower.

The main studio, measuring 40
ft. by 26 ft. by 20 ft. high, and a
smaller one 18 ft. by 18 ft. by 20
ft. high, are situated on the first
floor of the station building, the
former being used for orchestral
programmes and the latter for
talks, etc., suitable arrange-
ments being made in each case for
the elimination of undesirable echo,
and the very necessary ventilation
being provided for by means of elec-
tric air-circulating fans.

The aerial for the short-wave
transmitter is of the half-wave
type, supported between two lattice
masts, each 160 ft. high—Straits
Times.

TRIESTE STATION.

Extended Period Of
Tests.

Although the Trieste station is
complete in every respect, there is
no intention of officially inaugurat-
ing it at present, since it is felt
that an extended period of ex-
perimenting tests is desirable. Pro-
bably most of us have heard the
transmissions of the station and,
possibly, have been surprised at the
strength with which they have been
received, particularly since it lies on
the farther side of the most moun-
tainous country in Europe. The
transmissions have, so far, consist-
ed mainly of gramophone records,
but these have been reinforced by
original orchestral concertos. One
of the most important transmission

items in the future will be the re-
lay of services from the Church of
San Giusto, the principal church of
Trieste, says a home paper. This
service will be preceded by a carillon
of its ancient bells; afterwards
High Mass will be relayed from this
church every Sunday. It appears
likely, too, that these relays will be
taken by the other stations of the
northern group—namely, Milan,
Turin, and Genoa. The Trieste
station authorities have already
received from every part of Europe,
and even from Ecuador, in South
America, testimonies to the ex-
cellence of reception of the sta-
tion. In the meantime, a com-
mittee of professional
artists of Trieste have made known
their wishes in respect to future
programmes of this station, and
urge that these should be a strict-
ly local character; that much should
be made of local history, such as
that of "unredeemed Triestino" in-
cluding numerous historic episodes
relating thereto. It is probable
that these recommendations will
be taken into serious account and
that we shall have from Trieste
transmissions of a local and highly
patriotic character.

FRENCH BROADCASTING.

The General Ferris commission
which has been dealing with a plan
for the reorganisation of the
French broadcasting system
has decided that two 100-kilowatt
transmitters will be required for
the Paris district if an adequate
service is to be established. The
scheme call for the inclusion of the
Eiffel Tower in this net and the
construction of a new PTT station.
Moreover, six further transmitters
with a power varying between 60
and 80 kilowatts are planned for
Lille, Bône, Bordenaux, Toulouse,
Lyons, and Limoges as well as a
20-kilowatt for Grenoble. It
may also be found necessary to es-
tablish a small chain of weaker
stations to link up outlying dis-
tricts.

The daily broadcast by the
Central Government of China from
the Chin Yu broadcasting station
of the news on the Sino-Japanese
crisis has been fixed at the world's
standard time between the hours of
16 and 17 (4 p.m. to 5 p.m.), XGL,
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" Corned	牛肉	" 23 12	Capon, Large	雞	" 64 28 30
" Roast	牛肉	" 38 24 22	Duck	鴨	" 50 22 21
" Breast	牛肉	" 30 20 18	Doves	鴿	each 30 22 21
" Soup	牛肉	" 27 20 18	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	each doz. 38 18 —
" Steak	牛肉	" 38 24 22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	" 40 25 20
" Steak Sirloin	牛肉	" 46 30 35	Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb. 72 38 24
" Sausages	牛	" 36 20 20	Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	" 52 85 24
Bullcock's Brains	牛	per set 17 10 12	Geese	鴨	50 24 24
" Tongue, fresh	牛	each 75 50 60	Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each 40 80 —
" Tongue, corned	牛	" 60 —	" Ho-how	白鴿	" 30 23 —
" Head	牛	lb. 24 18 14	Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb. 80 — —
" Heart	牛	" 20 18	Turkeys, Hen	火雞	" 75 61 45
" Hump, Salt	牛	" 12 10 13	Snipe	沙	each 30 — —
" Feet	牛	" 10 10 13	Pheasant	山雞	pair 8.00 — —
" Kidneys	牛	" 27 20 22	Quail	山雞	each 28 — —
" Tail	牛	lb. 24 18 14	Partridges	山雞	" 1.25 — —
" Liver	牛	" 8 6 7			
" Tripe	牛	" 8 6 7			
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" Saddle	羊	" 44 — —	Capon, Large	雞	" 64 28 30
Pig's Chittlings	豬	Per set 30 27 —	Duck	鴨	" 50 22 21
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" Leg	豬	" 45 60 70	Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb. 80 — —
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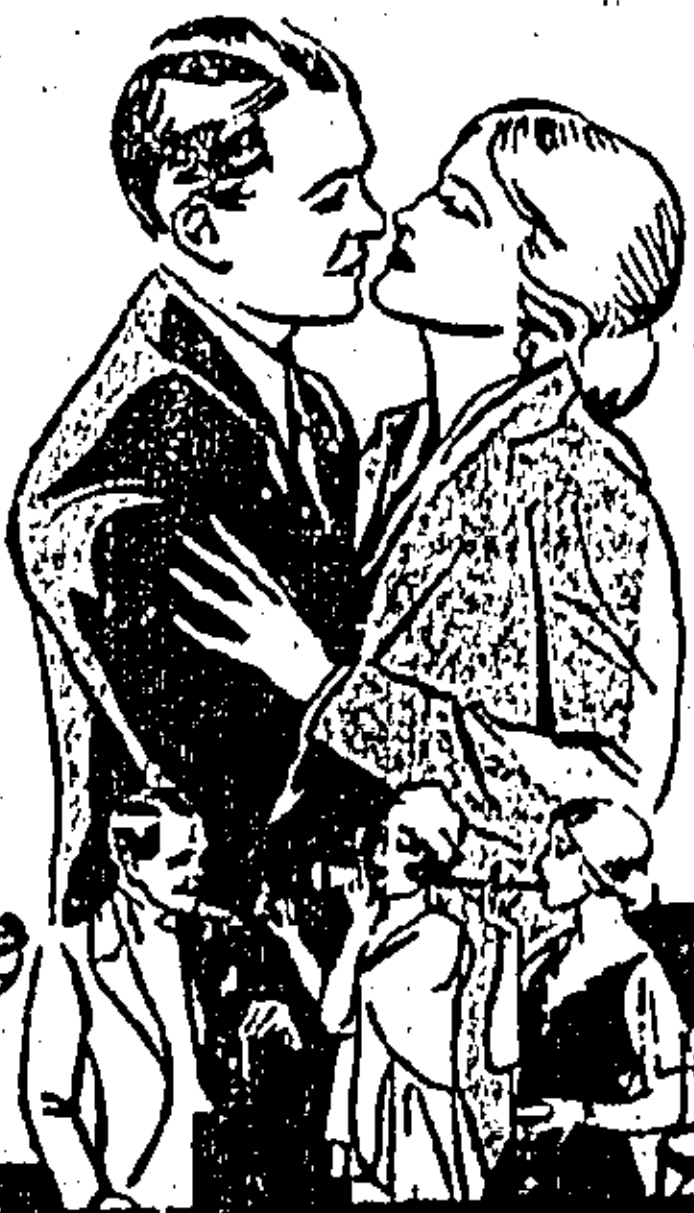
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BOYS ORDERED TO SMOKE.

Some Strange Tales of Tobacco.

THE PIPE OF DEATH.

If James I. had had his way, the price of tobacco would not have been increased in Britain recently. Bismarck would have been robbed of many of his diplomatic victories, and America would not have won the war! All this, and much more, we are able to glean from "A History of Smoking," by Count Corti, (Harrap, 12s. 6d.).

James I. tried to suppress smoking in England. "Shall we, I say, without blushing, abase ourselves so far as to imitate these beastly Indians?" he asked.

But to the great content of Finance Ministers of many nations in the succeeding centuries he failed, nor were the efforts of Charles I. and Cromwell any more successful.

But the smoker's path has not been an easy one. Popes, Emperors, and Tsars have fulminated against the fragrant weed and its users have been fined, imprisoned, flogged and even slain.

His Last Pipe.

As a plant of healing, tobacco originated among the Mayans and Aztecs of Central America, who used it ceremonially.

One Aztec custom was to elect a youth annually as the incarnation of one of their deities. He lived for twelve months in a blaze of splendour, with the fairest maidens in the land for his companions, only to be sacrificed to the god at the expiration of his reign, when, amid dancers, flute-playing and the eloquence of orators, his last duty was to smoke a pipe of tobacco to the glory of the gods and the happiness of mankind.

From these early days down to modern times the sale of tobacco has been stimulated by a belief that it gives protection from infectious diseases.

In the latter part of the seventeenth century first one and then another country of Europe lay under the terror of the plague. Great cities suffered especially — as London did in June, 1665. Physicians were helpless to stop the mortality; for lack of any better remedy they recommended smelling, chewing or continually smoking tobacco.

Tobacco in War.

The boys at Eton had to smoke every morning as a means of disinfecting themselves, and doctors, including the then famous Richard Barker, earnestly recommended tobacco, since he and others thought they had noticed that in former outbreaks of disease tobacco dealers in their shops had escaped. Pepys bears witness to this practice in his Diary.

The history of tobacco is closely related to that of war. Napoleon tried to quiet his nerves during a campaign by an enormous consumption of cigarettes. Wellington, on the other hand, was a non-smoker, and

issued to the army an order stating:—

The Commander-in-Chief has been informed that the practice of smoking by the use of pipes, cigars, or cheroots, has become prevalent among the officers of the Army, which is not only in itself a species of intoxication occasioned by the fumes of tobacco, but, undoubtedly, occasions drinking and tipping by those who acquire the habit; and he entreats the Officers commanding Regiments to prevent smoking in the Mess Rooms of their several Regiments, and in the adjoining apartments, and to discourage the practice among the Officers of Junior Rank in their Regiments.

In the late war General Pershing rated smoking highly. "Tobacco is as indispensable as the daily ration," he once cabled to Washington. "We must have thousands of tons of it without delay."

An increase of smoking follows every great war. In 1914, the annual consumption of cigarettes in England averaged 201 per head of population. By 1927 it had risen to 811. In Germany the pre-war consumption was 195 and in 1927, 502. The figures for the United States are still more remarkable, increasing from 143 before the war to 798 thirteen years later.

ANTI-DAZZLE INVENTION.

Extraordinary enthusiasm was shown by the inventors of anti-dazzle appliances who took part in an R.A.C. demonstration held on Midsummer Common, Cambridge, during mail week. No fewer than 85 different kinds of anti-dazzle device were exhibited. The large majority of these appliances were of the non-manual type; that is to say, they aimed at making the head-lamp beams non-dazzling yet sufficiently effective to provide a safe driving light. Many and varied were the ways and means for bringing this about. The most practical to the lay eye, says one report, took the form of polished, curved, metal shades, which fitted on the front of the headlamps and projected forward several inches in such a way that the eyes of approaching drivers would be protected. In three or four other cases simple mechanical contrivances of this kind were in evidence, but the majority of permanently non-dazzling lamps employed elaborate optical tricks to obtain the necessary shallow flat-topped beam, the line of attack sometimes being the reflector, sometimes the front glass and sometimes the bulb.

One of the most spectacular of the ideas took the form of twin headlamp glasses separated by a small space into which coloured liquid could be introduced like the meat in a sandwich. Used for headlamp glasses, this idea enables the driver with the aid of a small pump to make his headlamps innocuous to other road users while, used for the windscreen, it would enable him to protect himself against the glare of the lamps of other cars. Of the manual anti-dazzle devices which were on view the majority caused the headlamp beams to be dipped, and in some cases deflected

to the left as well, when the driver operated a switch, the favourite plan being to use twin filament bulbs in which one filament afforded the normal driving light and the other the anti-dazzle light.

It is expected, of course, that before long there will be official control of headlamps, and draft regulations are, in fact, already in existence. The R.A.C. hoped by the demonstration at Cambridge to show the Ministry of Transport that there is a multitude of different ways and means for eliminating dazzle, and in this respect they were certainly most successful. The general impression gained was, however, that taking them all round, the various notions exhibited went to show that the anti-dazzle devices which were under the control of the driver afforded a better driving light than those which were permanently of an anti-dazzle nature.

LUXURY LINER.

Wireless Telephone Facilities.

The new luxury liner Monarch of Bermuda, which will take her place on the New York Bermuda run when she is completed, is to be equipped with special Marconi wireless telephone apparatus and also a band repeater and music playing installation.

The two wireless telephone stations with which the ship will normally communicate will be at New York and Bermuda and through these stations the ship will be linked with the telephone systems of the world. Bermuda already possesses a very efficient wireless telegraph service with the North American continent and the West Indies, and wireless telephone apparatus, operating on the Marconi beam system, is being installed to provide telephone subscribers of the island with an equally efficient wireless telephone service to New York and ships at sea.

At New York telephone calls from Bermuda and from ships at sea can be connected to the telephone systems of the world. These facilities will be greatly appreciated by business travellers and tourists who will thus be able to keep in constant wireless telephone touch with New York from the ship and from land when they visit Bermuda.

AMBITION.

It must be nice to be a man,
To do the things that Daddy can!

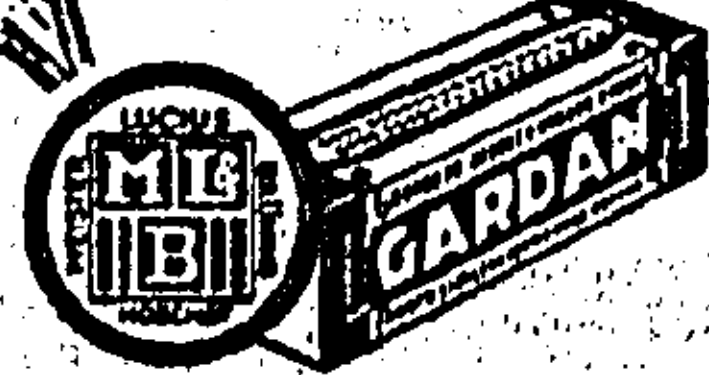
To take a brand new wireless set,
and turn it inside out.
And not get blamed for leaving
all your tools and things about.
To spend a lovely messy time in
cleaning out the shed,
—Or else do-carbonising cars—
and not get sent to bed.
To squelch about with yards of
hose around the garage yard,
Or burn a lot of leaves and sticks,
and say you're working hard!
To leave your coat and hat and
gloves just lying in the hall,
And smoke from breakfast time till
bed, and not feel sick at all!
Oh, dear, I wish I were a man,
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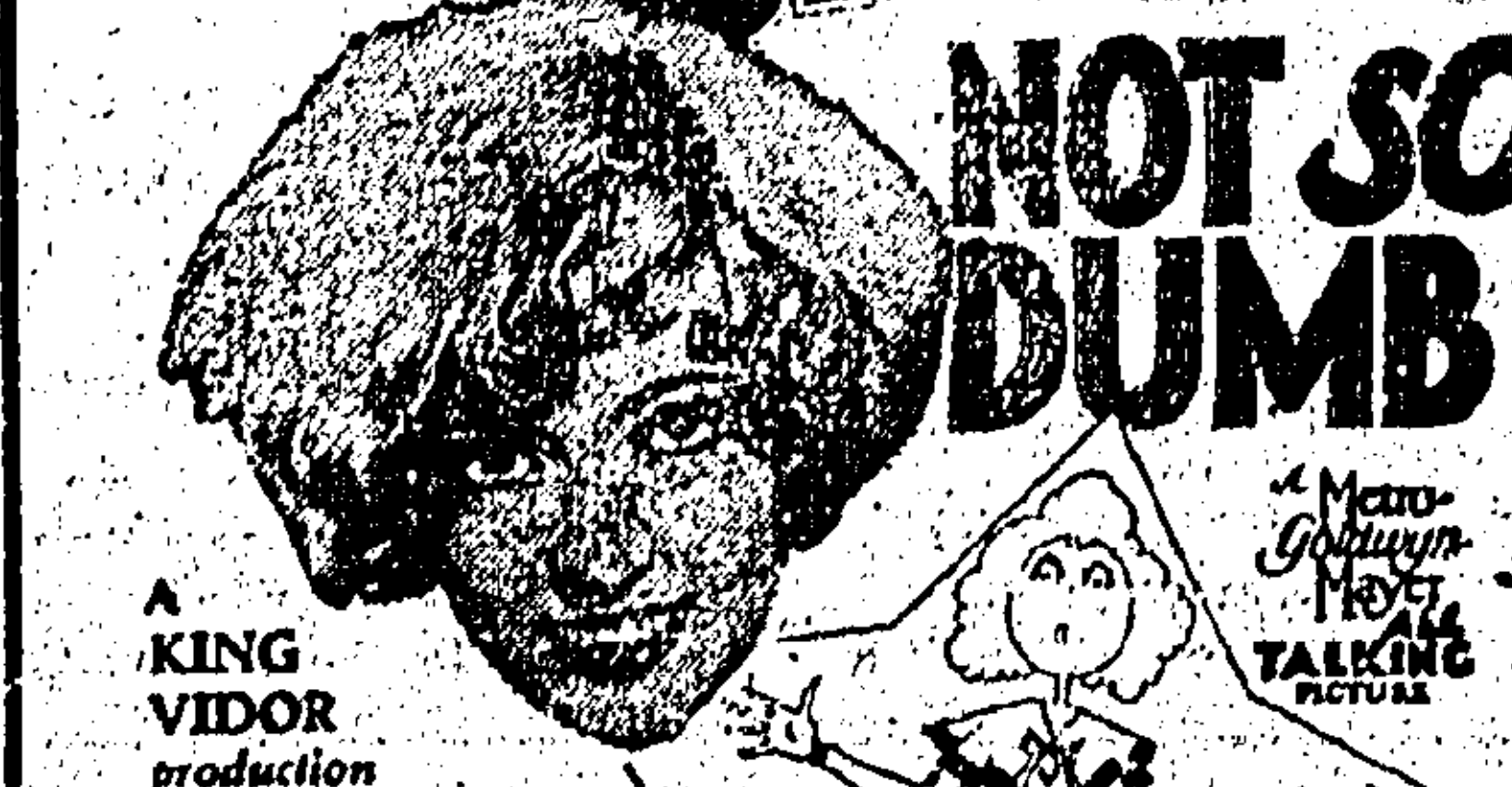
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